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GENERAL LUNG MAY RETURN TO YUNNAN

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ARRANGEMENT WITH REDS

General Lung Yun, former Governor of Yunnan Province and one of the bitterest enemies of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, may return to Yunnan shortly.

Independent Nationalist sources told the "China Mail" last night that General Lung Yun has made preparations to fly into Yunnan and to take over when the Nationalist authorities evacuate in face of internal uprisings.

Arrangements have already been made with a certain aviation concern for chartered flights from Hong Kong to Yunnan.

General Lung Yun will assume power on behalf of the Communist Central People's Government.

The "China Mail" informants said that the present troops which have remained in Yunnan have been ordered to be in readiness for the return of General Lung Yun.

Communist Round-Up In Kwangtung

Some 800 bandits arrested in the Canton area are to be sent to work in mines in North China.

According to reports from Canton, the Communist authorities there have warned black market exchange operators that if caught the second time they would also be sent to mines or farms in North China.

Yesterday the Canton authorities banned the circulation of Hong Kong currency throughout Kwangtung Province.

They also prohibited the export of foreign currencies out of the province.

BRITAIN & PEKING REGIME

London, December 7. Informed sources said today that the announcement of British recognition of the Chinese Communist regime may come as early as next week.

The decision on recognition has been taken in principle by the Cabinet but action on timing is left to the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, they said.

At any rate, informed sources said, recognition of the Peking government can be expected before Christmas this year.

The sources said the procedure will be simple.

They said: "The Foreign Secretary will reply, in formal terms, to the note received from the Peking government's Foreign Minister (Mr. Chou En-lai) inviting the British Government's diplomatic recognition."

"The Foreign Secretary's reply would be transmitted through the British Consul-General in Peking."

—United Press.

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The Weather

At 0800 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the tropical storm which crossed the Philippines and entered the China Sea appears to have intensified and is now centred about 500 miles E of Balcon probably moving slowly Westwards. High pressure centred over China dominates the rest of the area and is spreading slowly Eastwards across Japan.

Today's Forecast—Moderate or fresh NE winds; overcast with patches of drizzle during the morning.

Yesterday's Weather—
Maximum 10.5 deg. Fah.
Minimum 8.1 deg. Fah.
Sunshine Nil.
Rainfall 0.6 mm.—0.02 in. Total since Jan. 1—300.6 mm.—11.84 in. as against an average of 211.7 mm.—8.34 in.

Readings at 10 a.m.
Temp. at m.s.l. 10.2 deg. 10.0 deg. 10.0 deg.
Dew Pt. 8.0 deg. 8.0 deg. 8.0 deg.
Rel. Humidity 83 83 83
Wind Force 10 10 10
Wind Direction 102 deg. 102 deg. 102 deg.
Wind Speed 10 10 10
Time 10 10 10
High 10 10 10
Low 10 10 10

Exchange Of Views

There has been frequent exchange of views and messages between General Lung Yun and General Lu Han during the past three weeks. Their personal representatives have been travelling to and from Hong Kong and Kunming by air.

Recent sudden suspension of flights out of Kunming (when two C-47 planes were detained) was carried out by the Nationalists to prevent General Lu Han from leaving the capital. His present whereabouts are not known.

General Lung Yun is relieved of the Governorship of Yunnan in 1945 by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek who sent his brother-in-law, Dr. T. V. Soong, to accompany the General from Kunming to Chungking. There he was given a high honorary post.

He escaped from Nanjing and came to Hong Kong nearly a year ago. He has strongly criticised the Kuomintang Government and has thrown in his lot with the new regime.

Meanwhile Kunming is preparing for urgent evacuation. The capital of Yunnan Province may be transferred momentarily to Tai, about 175 miles to the North West.

Reds On Border

Vernacular Press reports from Kunming last night said that the Communist troops of the People's Liberation Army have reached Yunnan's borders with Szechuen and Kweichow.

Threat to Yunnan, however, is from within. The revolt South of Kunming is reported spreading. There is also considerable doubt about the loyalty of certain Nationalist forces.

Kunming is under martial law. All roads leading out of the city are heavily guarded by Nationalist troops. The airfields are also under strong military guard.

Government has already loaded trucks with archives and other essential important documents to be moved elsewhere at a moment's notice. The present acting Governor of Yunnan is General Ma Ying.

The reports added that the disaffected troops are advancing in Kunming and that there are indications that they are moving to encircle the capital. They were last reported to be within less than 100 miles of Kunming.

Pakhoi Doomed

In Southern Kwangsi, the Communists have penetrated into the outskirts of Pakhoi, capital town about 80 miles West of Kweichow. It is expected to fall at any moment.

Kunming Exodus

Among the high rank officials evacuated here was Mr. Ku Chen-jun, Governor of Kweichow province. He arrived here on a Cathay Pacific Airways aircraft from Kunming.

A total of five aircraft arrived here from Kunming. Two were C-47 planes, two were C-54s and one operated by the Lutheran World Mission.

About 100 passengers arrived by the planes.

The two C-47 aircraft brought a total of 63 passengers, mostly dependents of CAT staff members in Kunming.

According to some of the dependents, CAT started to evacuate its Kunming office on Tuesday. Planesloads of ground equipment, personnel and other staff members were being evacuated to Yulin, on Hainan Island.

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Reds Claim Major Victory In South

San Francisco, December 7. The Communist Peking radio today disclosed the full extent of the smashing defeat inflicted in the past week on the Kwangsi troops of General Pai Chung-hsi, in which the cream of the Nationalist forces remaining on the mainland were encircled and cut to pieces.

"Three entire divisions and the most part of two army groups" of General Pai's remaining troops were annihilated in the first phase of a large-scale encirclement campaign launched by the People's Liberation Army on the Kwangsi-Kwangtung border, the radio said.

"The three divisions of General Pai's 125th army were annihilated yesterday morning near Ling-shan, 75 kilometres South East of Nanning, as they tried to flee to the coast to Hainan Island," the radio said.

"The Chief of Staff of the army group and its deputy commander were taken prisoner," the broadcast said.

"Most of the 3rd and 11th army groups were wiped out earlier on November 28 and December 1 further East in South Eastern Kwangsi, as they tried to flee into Kwangtung Province."

"Most of the 11th army group was destroyed near Pakhoi where powerful People's Liberation Army units encircled it and encircled it. The Chief of Staff of the army group and its deputy commander were taken prisoner."

"The 3rd army group, including the 7th, 43rd and the 120th armies had at first attempted to flee into Kwangtung but encountered powerful People's Liberation Army units and suffering heavy casualties, the army groups drew back into Kwangsi. At Pakhoi, however, they were encircled and destroyed. The 120th army, cornered in the South Eastern corner of the province, was also annihilated. The People's Liberation Army."

General Visits HK



Lieutenant-General R.N. Gale, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, Director of Military Training, War Office, arrived here by air yesterday from the United Kingdom for a short visit. He was met at Kai Tak by Lieutenant-General Sir E. C. Robert Mansergh, GOC in C, Colonel G. Anderson, Deputy Director of Medical Service and Major E. I. Morris, Senior Chaplain. Lieutenant-General Gale is on the left. ("China Mail" photo.)

LI HOPING TO SEE TRUMAN

San Francisco, December 7. General Li Tsung-jen, Acting President of Nationalist China, arrived in the United States today and was greeted by a wildly cheering crowd of Chinese residents.

General Li later left by plane for New York where he will enter the Presbyterian Hospital for treatment.

In a statement, General Li said that after medical treatment he plans to talk with Government leaders and visit "this beautiful country." He hopes to see President Truman.

General Li said "I am here solely for the purpose of obtaining medical treatment."

He blamed the plight of his Government on the rise of Communism and Russian aid to the Chinese Communists and the Government's failure to work hard enough for the people's welfare.

A formal statement distributed by Dr. Kan Chieh-hou, his personal representative in Washington, declared that the whole Asian continent and the countries beyond are faced with the danger of Communist rule should the present conquest go unchecked.

The statement assured "our American friends" that the Chinese people are determined to preserve their liberty.

The statement said that General Li's absence from China in no way affects the campaign against the Communists, and as soon as his physical condition permits he will return to China and resume his personal direction of the struggle.

Approach To U.S.

After General Li has undergone medical treatment, he will get down to business with American officials. He will speak for Nationalist China with little more than taken authority as nominal head of the Government.

His personal representative in Washington, Dr. Kan, during the last months has received nothing but the cold shoulder in response to his pleas for fresh American assistance.

General Li's visit to the United States will almost certainly prove embarrassing to American officials.

Protocol required the Government to extend an invitation to the Acting President once he had expressed desire to visit this country. But General Li's visit will serve to rally critics of the State Department's China policy in a new campaign to obtain additional aid for the Nationalists.

SHIP TO PICK UP ANGUS WARD

The ss. Pacific Transport left Hong Kong yesterday to evacuate the United States Consul-General, Mr. Angus Ward, and his staff from Tientsin.

The entire passenger accommodation on the Pacific Transport has been chartered by the United States State Department for the evacuation.

Mr. Ward and his party will board the ship at Taku Har, probably on Monday.

Two foreign correspondents from Hong Kong are on board the Pacific Transport. They are Mr. Stan Rich, of the Associated Press, and Mr. C. Farnsworth, of Scripps-Howard.

RUSSIA'S BOMBS

New York, December 7. General Pierre Billotte, chief of the French delegation to the military Staff Committee of the United Nations, told correspondents that Russia probably possesses eight or 10 atomic bombs and is capable of producing two to four monthly.

In his opinion, Russia can deliver the bombs by sending them in a diplomatic pouch, by freight in double-bottomed vessels, by snorkel submarines with launching ramps or by B-29's which could drop their bombs on the United States and land in Mexico.—United Press.

REFORM CLUB PLATFORM PRESENTED TO MEMBERS

The 13-point platform of the Reform Club of Hong Kong was presented to a general meeting of members at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden last night by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, Chairman of the Club.

The platform covered a comprehensive range of civic and other activities, including constitution of the legislature, finance, housing, education, medical service, social welfare, defence, public services, cost of living, agriculture and fisheries, other industries, reparations, and general matters of administration.

The motion to adopt the platform as presented, was proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. P. C. Woo. Four members of the committee, Mr. T. A. Martin, Dr. R. H. S. Leo, Mr. Ma Man-fai and Mr. Marcus da Silva, spoke in support of it.

There were no questions from the audience except notice from Mr. Charles Loseby, former Chairman of the Club, that he would like to propose that the platform as presented should be referred back to the committee for further consideration.

The Chairman said all amendments would not be dealt with at the meeting but would have to be sent in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder, which he would study and which would be taken up at the next meeting of the Club on Wednesday, December 14.

Mr. Bernacchi, introducing the platform, said: "This is the first meeting of the Reform Club for some months and I want to report to you what your Committee has been doing during this period. I must tell you first of all with regret that Mr. Charles Loseby resigned from the Chairmanship and the Committee some while ago. Mr. Loseby is still a member of the Club and it is the hope of myself and the Committee that we may still receive from him the benefit of his advice and his valuable experience in political matters. I was elected by Committee as Chairman in Mr. Loseby's place."

"It has been the policy of your Committee to have foremost in mind the constitutional changes which the Club has always urged. Our first task was to see that first things came first and to ensure that the Young Plan whereby the Legislative Council was to remain almost in its present form should be drastically amended and the legislative reform should come first and foremost amongst the political changes. Whatever the final form of the Legislative may be, I feel entitled to say that in this the Club was successful beyond the expectations even of many of its members."

"We have every reason to believe that a reconstituted and revitalised Legislature will take the place of the present Legislature in the very near future and indeed, although we disagreed with some aspects of the Unofficial members' motion, we had the pleasing sight of these Unofficials actually voting themselves out of existence by their motion for reconstitution of the Legislature, a step for which I dare to say this Club was to a large extent responsible."

"Such being the conclusion, the successful conclusion of our first objective, a period of quiet was inevitable before the second stage could be reached."

"During this period of quiet, the Committee has gone ahead on such matters as Housing; the formation of a Committee of Civil Liberties which already has some applications before it; consideration of Chinese law and custom in its applicability to Hong Kong and other more or less routine matters."

Housing Plan

"I have, unfortunately, to tell you that the first Housing Plan fell through on account of failure of the contractor concerned to supply us with detailed facts and figures as to the expenses. We felt that we could not give our support to a scheme where only final costs of the houses were given to us and in which we had no means of ascertaining the margin of profit the contractor hoped to secure apart from his own assurance of his philanthropic feelings. I can only say that the Housing Sub-Committee has considered the matter."

"I want to point out to you that it is designed as an outline and that in the form amended and finally approved by you will be developed and presented to the public by means of a series of meetings enlarging upon the individual aspects."

Governor To Visit Macao

The Governor will make a social visit to Macao today. He will travel on the ss. Wuah-ah and will return the following day. Lady Grantham is not accompanying the Governor.

Liberal Body

"We want to have a platform from you which we can go ahead with now and not be forced into hasty actions or considerations at the last moment. The Committee has spent a considerable time over this platform. It has been in the hands of the members of the Club for the last week and has also been reported in the press."

"As a Club we view ourselves as a liberal body. We consider the necessity both of reform in the constitution and method of Government, and the necessity of meeting the peculiar circumstances that arise in this Colony. We consider that our draft meets these requirements but it is in no way to be called as a 'pamphlet' paper once referred to us, 'namby-pamby'."

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Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon meeting, talk on "Ten Years in the Hsing River Valley" by Mr. W. P. Blackstone, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y.M. Men's Club weekly luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
HK Women's International Club, luncheon for Servicemen, 7.30 p.m.
British Council weekly film show, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, 8 p.m.
HK Union Church Ladies Guild meeting, Church Hall, Kennedy Road, 3 p.m.
RAF Association luncheon meeting, The Grapes, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
HK St. Paul's Church, "Duet for Two", 8 p.m.
Fleet Club theatre, 9 p.m.
St. Andrew's Club, entertainment for Forces, 7.30 p.m.
British Council weekly film show, talk by Mr. R. M. Quinn, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
Reception in honour of Mr. A. M. Silva, Deputy for Macao in Portuguese National Assembly, at Club Lido, 6 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Royal Hong Kong Golf Club annual general meeting, Roof Garden HK Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, 8 p.m.
HK Women's International Club, luncheon for Forces, 7.30 p.m.
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SAILOR FINED

D. J. Davies, sick berth attendant of HMS Tamar, was charged before Mr. Thomas Tait at court yesterday with behaving in a riotous manner when drunk and with assaulting a police constable in the early hours yesterday morning.
Sub-Inspector Chan said that the defendant had attended a party on the Peak and later, when walking near the Peak Cafe, created a disturbance. Police Constable 2598 approached to help him and was assaulted when the defendant was taken to the Peak Police Station. He continued to create a disturbance.
Davies said that he could not recall what had happened the night before.
He was fined \$15 and bound over in a sum of \$100 for one year.

BELFAST SAILOR DISCHARGED

Albert Chandler, seaman of HMS Belfast, who was charged with the larceny of four £10 Australian notes from J. R. Cooper, engineer of the S. Eastern on November 28, was discharged by Mr. P. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday due to insufficient evidence.
Defendant pleading not guilty to the charge said that on the night in question he had a great deal to drink and that when he woke up the next morning he found three £10 Australian notes in his pocket. He knew the notes belonged to Cooper and tried to reach him by telephone and to hand them back to him.

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A Communist Commander, whose machine-gun batteries fired hundreds of rounds of the British ship, ss. Elsie Moller, told the British captain that he was "very sorry."

A fortnight ago, the Elsie Moller was steaming out the North Channel of the Yangtse river, after having broken the blockade to Shanghai, when Communist guns opened fire.

Twenty-six bullets struck the Elsie Moller, damaging her lifeboats and superstructure, but no one was injured.
The ship's crew, of more than 20, lay down on the port deck for more than half an hour before the gunfire ceased.

Even though the Elsie Moller's captain stopped his ship immediately after the first shot was fired, and blew the ship's horn, the Communists intensified their fire.
While attempting to break away from their position, within several hundred yards of the Communist guns, the Elsie Moller was forced into the shore, and its rudder was ripped off.

Strikes Measure Extended

The Illegal Strikes and Lock-outs Ordinance 1949 was extended another year as from January 1, 1950, by a resolution of the Legislative Council yesterday.

Explaining the reason for the extension, the Attorney General, Mr. J. B. Griffin, said the main purpose of the Ordinance was to replace legislation previously in force in this Colony to prevent strikes and lock-outs which took place without regard to any genuine trade dispute, which had the effect of interfering with the normal functioning of the Government and the welfare of the community.

Section 8 of the Ordinance provides that the Ordinance shall continue in force until and including December 31, 1949, but the Legislative Council is empowered from time to time by resolution to extend the duration of the Ordinance for a term not exceeding one year at a time.

The need for maintaining this Ordinance in force under prevailing world conditions is quite manifest, said Mr. Griffin, as he asked Council to approve of the resolution.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. J. F. Nicoll, seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

HOTEL RETURN INCORRECT

Lui Chak-chiu, of the Rose Hotel, Nathan Road, was fined \$750 by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on a summons for failure to submit a proper return to the Registrar of Aliens.
Inspector Reynolds, who visited the hotel on November 7, found that a Chinese national had been staying at the hotel since October 30, and that no mention was made of the guest in defendant's return.

Maryknoll Convent School Speech Day

"Having completed our major work of rehabilitation, we were able to devote more time to the individual development of students," declared the Report of the Headmistress of Maryknoll Convent School read at the school's Speech Day yesterday.

The Report said: "Although we are naturally pleased at the scholastic success of our girls, we shall be far happier to see them live or to see them from now living happy, purposeful and useful lives."
"We will maintain the art of living when they leave school. If the seed has not been sown deeply and tended well during their school days."
"Our students are encouraged to develop a sense of responsibility by maintaining a true idea of legitimate authority."
"We encourage their girls to read good books which can be for them not only a present aid to their English but also a lifelong source of enjoyment and a tremendous aid to their mental and spiritual development."

"Now that the requirements of the Hong Kong School Certificate have been revised, and the new syllabuses introduced with their increased flexibility, we are looking forward to having a choice of courses for our girls above Class 4."

Homemaking

Those students who have not yet the interest nor the aptitude for university work will not be required to take the same subjects as those who are intended to go to university. They will be able to choose from a list of subjects which will move along the line of their

Essential Services Bill Passed

The Essential Services Bill, which came into being yesterday when the Essential Services Ordinance 1949, which provides for its establishment, was passed into law by the Legislative Council.
The new Ordinance is an entirely civilian body whose purpose is to provide a vital service for the community in the event of an emergency. Enrolment is entirely voluntary.

Council also passed into law the Pensioners Ordinance 1949, which consolidates and amends the law regulating the granting of pensions, gratuities and other allowances in respect of public service.

Rubber Company Meetings

The annual general meetings of three rubber companies, the Chemor, United Rubber Company, Limited, the Cheng Rubber Estates, Limited, the Semambu Rubber Estates, Limited, were held yesterday at the offices of the General Managers, J. A. Wattle and Company, Limited.

In his reports on the three rubber estates, Mr. W. A. Welch, Chairman, said that the Chemor United Rubber Company, Limited, made a profit of HK\$17,470. Cost of production was satisfactory. It was less than originally estimated.

As a result of the devaluation of sterling the present price of rubber is 44 Straits cents a pound. He said that at this price the company should be earning sufficient funds to upkeep the area that has been replanted.

The Cheng Rubber Estates, Limited, made a net profit of HK\$49,078. During the year HK\$30,297 was spent on replanting and HK\$40,000 on buildings and machinery. Cost of production was considerably higher than last year due to the disappointing crop and increase in wages.

Mr. Welch reported that the Semambu Rubber Estates, Limited, made a profit of HK\$17,339. Higher wages increased the cost of production. He said that HK\$29,808 was spent on replanting and HK\$10,342 on other capital items.

Present at the three meetings were Mr. Welch, Chairman, and Mr. E. E. Fenton, (Director), and C. A. Smith, (Representing the Secretaries and general managers, J. A. Wattle and Company, Limited, and shareholders representing 100,000 shares in the Chemor United Rubber Company, Limited, 100,750 shares in the Cheng Rubber Estates, Limited, and 181,920 shares in the Semambu Rubber Estates, Limited).

TENANCY BILL EXTENDED

A resolution passed by the Legislative Council yesterday extended the operation of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947, for another year as from January 1, 1950.

The motion for extension was proposed by the Attorney General, Mr. J. B. Griffin, who explained that under section 35 of the Ordinance the duration of the Ordinance could be extended by resolution of the Council not exceeding one year at a time.

The last extension was made on December 16, 1948. The necessity for continuance of the Ordinance at the present time was clear, he said, as he put the motion to the Council.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. J. F. Nicoll, seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

SWIMMING POOL BY LAWS

The by-laws for swimming pools made by the Urban Council on November 28, 1949, which provide for the regulation of the public swimming pools, were approved by the Legislative Council yesterday.

Dr. P. F. Fenny, Chairman of the Urban Council, who introduced the by-laws, said they were mainly based on model by-laws adopted by the Ministry of Health in the United Kingdom.

FRENCH WOMAN IN COURT
Miss Hugette Dru, aged 23, of 44, Avenue d'Alsace, was yesterday charged with violating the Immigration Ordinance.

Mr. P. J. Griffiths, representing defendant, pleaded not guilty and Mr. A. D. Scholer, at Central, represented the Crown. The case was adjourned to Tuesday at 11 a.m.

FORTUNATE
A lady who is fortunate that she is not in the dock today for violating the Immigration Ordinance is Mrs. A. D. Scholer, who yesterday was acquitted of the charge of violating the Immigration Ordinance.



Miss M. C. Knight presenting certificates at St. Stephen's Girls' College Speech Day yesterday. ("China Mail" photo).

Speech Day At St. Stephen's

"True education is a lifelong process, and it leads us not to walls lined with certificates but to minds stored with wisdom."
"A great deal of trouble and unrest in the world today is due to undigested education and a complete lack of wisdom."

The above remarks were made by Miss M. C. Knight at the annual presentation of certificates at St. Stephen's Girls' College yesterday.

After Miss K. Cherry, Principal of the College, had read the annual report, Miss Knight distributed certificates to the successful students.

Miss Knight said: "The occasion reminds me of the story of a student from China to the USA who studied hard and long to attain a high degree and then returned to China. The certificate followed him home and when he received it, it had been marked by the customs of his value."

"This was of course pretty true, a certificate is of no value to anyone but to the person who has earned it and I would go further and say that it is of no use even to that person if it is considered an end of effort rather than the first milestone on the way to wisdom."

"Because true education is a lifelong process and it leads us, not to walls lined with certificates, but to minds stored with wisdom."

Education Of The Spirit

"A great deal of the trouble and unrest in the world today is due to undigested education and a complete lack of wisdom."
"We set off, so many of us carrying our education as passengers. Some of us carry it so till it slips away from us in the middle of life and we become useless."

"True education is an education, not only of the mind but of the spirit that is in man—the certifying stage beyond, between, heart and mind, is bestowed in the late years, of life in a serenity of equanimity, a benignity of presence, a precision of thought, a just judgment and a wide mercy," concluded Miss Knight.

Certificate List

Hong Kong Matriculation: Yin Yau-shan, Leaving: Chan Chi-yuk, Chan Kwai-yue, Chan Den-yung, Chan Ming-hwa, Chong Chan-sie, Janine Chow, Oling Ling-kei, Eo, Kam-pul, Fung, Fui-fung, Joan Hui, Lily Ip, Shiu-hing, Valli Chan, Ko Ying-lan, Paulina Lee, Ng Suk-ching, Dorothy-Sun, Lena Sun, Wong Yuen-ling and Bella Wood.

Fresh fish average prices at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday were:

	First Quality	Average
Yellow Croaker	\$1.20	\$1.25
Mud Grouper	1.00	1.05
Cling Fish	1.25	1.30
White Pomfret (large)	2.25	2.30
(small)	1.50	1.55
Mackerel (large)	1.05	1.10
(small)	1.00	1.05
Giant Trevally	1.15	1.20
Horse Head (small)	1.10	1.15
Copper Pike	1.25	1.30
Red Sea Bream (large)	1.35	1.40
(small)	1.15	1.20
Hair Tail	1.00	1.05

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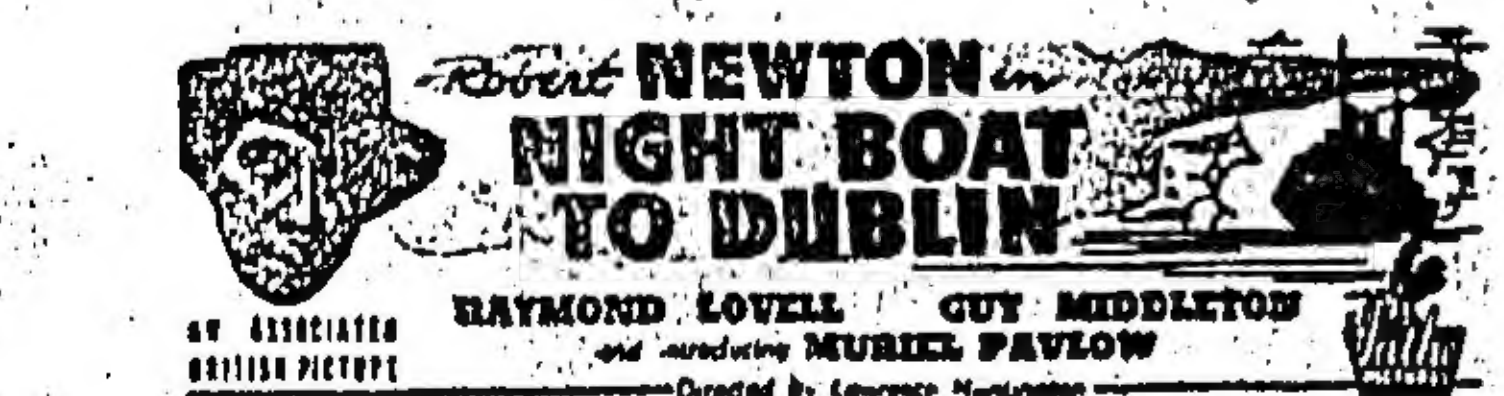
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CHINESE BOND ISSUE

San Francisco, December 6.

Four hundred million Chinese would have to advance 10 catties of millet each to buy up the proposed Chinese Communist people's victory bonds issue, the Peking radio announced, indicating the ambitious dimension of the Chinese Communists' bond project.

Quoting the non-Communist politico, Ma Shu-fan, the broadcast said: "The total sum of the victory bonds equals four billion catties of millet, averaging 10 catties per capita of the Chinese people."

The broadcast further disclosed that the Chinese Communists are planning to levy from the peasants 24 billion catties of millet during the coming year.

Other non-Communist comment on the bonds, as carried by the Peking radio, stressed satisfaction that the Peking Government is making no bones about its financial difficulties.

"The Government did not hide the fact of inflation and its financial difficulties. Since the Government is so frank the people will undoubtedly give their full support," the radio quoted Mr. Chang Lan who heads a minor party in the so-called Chinese Communists' coalition.

United Press

Hitler's Surgeon Dismissed

Berlin, December 7.
Dr. Ferdinand Sauerbruch, 74, Hitler's last Surgeon-General in Berlin, apparently was dismissed from his job at the University of Berlin in the Soviet sector today.

The Soviet-licensed ADN news agency said that he is being pensioned at the end of the year. But University students said that his lectures were halted as from now.

Dr. Sauerbruch's secretary said that the doctor had nothing to say and therefore declined to deny that he had been dismissed. German medical physicians said that high ranking physicians at several important Soviet sector clinics are being dismissed for "political unreliability."

Dr. Sauerbruch lives in Western Berlin. He has never been affiliated in any political way with the Eastern Communists. Charged with being a Nazi, he was cleared by a German court last July.

The Nazi charges arose from Dr. Sauerbruch's close relation with Hitler in Berlin. With the rank of General, Dr. Sauerbruch supervised the city's largest military hospital. He was reported to have quarrelled frequently with Hitler over lack of supplies and was known to have visited the Fuehrer in his last-ditch bunker shortly before the city's resistance collapsed.—Associated Press.

COURT MARTIAL VERDICT

London, December 6.
A court martial today found trooper William John Spriggs, aged 22, guilty of being absent without leave for a year in Palestine and stealing an armoured car, a Bren gun and ammunition which he turned over to illegal Jewish forces.

He was sentenced to four years imprisonment. Spriggs also was ordered to be discharged with ignominy from the army. The sentence is subject to confirmation.—United Press.



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The United Nations General Assembly, by a majority vote, today decided to ask the International Court of Justice to rule on South Africa's obligations on South West Africa.

The Court will be asked to answer two main questions: (1) What are the international obligations of the South African Government with regard to the former mandated territory of South West Africa?

(2) Has the South African Government the right to modify the international status of South West Africa and if not who has such a right?

An amendment, passed by 39 votes in favour, six against, and seven abstentions, also asked the following question: "Is South West Africa subject to the provisions of Chapter 12 of fundamental principles of the international trusteeship system?"

The original resolution was sponsored by India, Thailand, Denmark, Norway and Syria. Before the vote was taken the President of the Assembly, General Carlos Romulo, ruled that the resolution was procedural and, therefore, required only a simple majority.

Scott Documents

The resolution as a whole was then passed by a show of hands with 49 in favour, seven against and four abstentions.

Those voting against were: South Africa, Liberia, the Soviet Union, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Poland and the Ukraine. The abstentions were: Cuba, Yugoslavia, Greece and Argentina. By a narrow margin of 21 votes to 20, with 11 abstentions, the Assembly adopted a clause on the resolution listing the documents to be submitted to the Court and described as likely to throw light upon the question.

Among these documents was the evidence submitted by the Reverend Michael Scott on behalf of the Herero tribes of South West Africa.

The Assembly also decided to ask South Africa to resume the submission of reports on South West Africa to the United Nations.

Regret Expressed

The Assembly, discussing the status of 317,000-square mile South West Africa for the fourth year in succession, had earlier in the day expressed regret that the United Government had "withdrawn" its previous assurances to submit reports on the administration of the territory.

The Assembly also reiterated previous years' resolutions urging the United Nations to put South West Africa under a United Nations trusteeship agreement.

The Assembly was voting on an India-Guatemala resolution and the vote was taken on the parts separately by roll call vote. The part asking the Assembly to "reiterate" previous years' resolutions urging South Africa to put South West Africa under a United Nations trusteeship agreement was supported with a vote of 29 in favour, 12 against and 11 abstentions.

But when it came to expressing the Assembly's "regret" that South Africa had not taken these previous resolutions into account, this was voted down to 27 in favour, 14 against and 11 abstentions.

This "regret" clause was then deleted from the resolution and it was put to the vote as a whole.

Britain Abstains

Nine votes against were then cast by Belgium, France, Greece, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, South Africa and the United States.

Britain abstained with Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Israel, New Zealand, Nicaragua and Peru.

As originally worded, the Indian-Guatemalan resolution, on which the Assembly was

voting, charged the South African Government with "repudiating" its previous assurances to submit reports on the administration of South West Africa.

These reports were ended last July because the United Government claimed that they were used to criticise and attack South Africa's domestic policies.

South African Resentment

At the last moment, however, the Indian delegate, Mr. Sachin Choudhury, said that he was quite prepared to change the word "repudiate" to "withdraw" as his delegation had previously offered to do in committee.

This was accordingly done in the resolution.

Mr. G. P. Jooste, South African delegate, had expressed strong resentment against the use of the word "repudiate" when he addressed the Assembly today. The Assembly also heard Mr. Hermod Lammung of Denmark say that the World Court should be asked for a ruling because it was "obvious" that hope had now failed of reaching a solution of the South West Africa problem.—Reuter.

UN BUILDING A "TOMBSTONE"

London, December 6.

The United Nations Secretariat building under construction in New York looks to many a "tombstone" for a British architect, Mr. A. Tysan Edwards, declared today.

Writing in the trade journal "Building", he said that it promised to be the ugliest and most uninteresting building in the world.

"The Secretariat buildings where the deliberative and executive functions of the Organisation are performed assume a harsh exterior and grovel to the ground," he wrote.

He asked, "Can't something be done to civilise this building and make it more worthy of its intended function before it is too late?"—Reuter.

NEW MOVEMENT IN GERMANY

Heidelberg, December 6.

Prince Hubertus zu Leuchtenstein founded the Deutsche Aktion (German Action), an incipiently nationalistic, reform union, at Amorbach near here, today.

The new movement claims that it is not a political party and calls for the return of all German refugees and expellees to a unified Germany with her historical frontiers.

The movement will be directed from the Reich Secretariat at Amorbach. The old German Imperial Eagle is to be the Union's symbol.—Reuter.

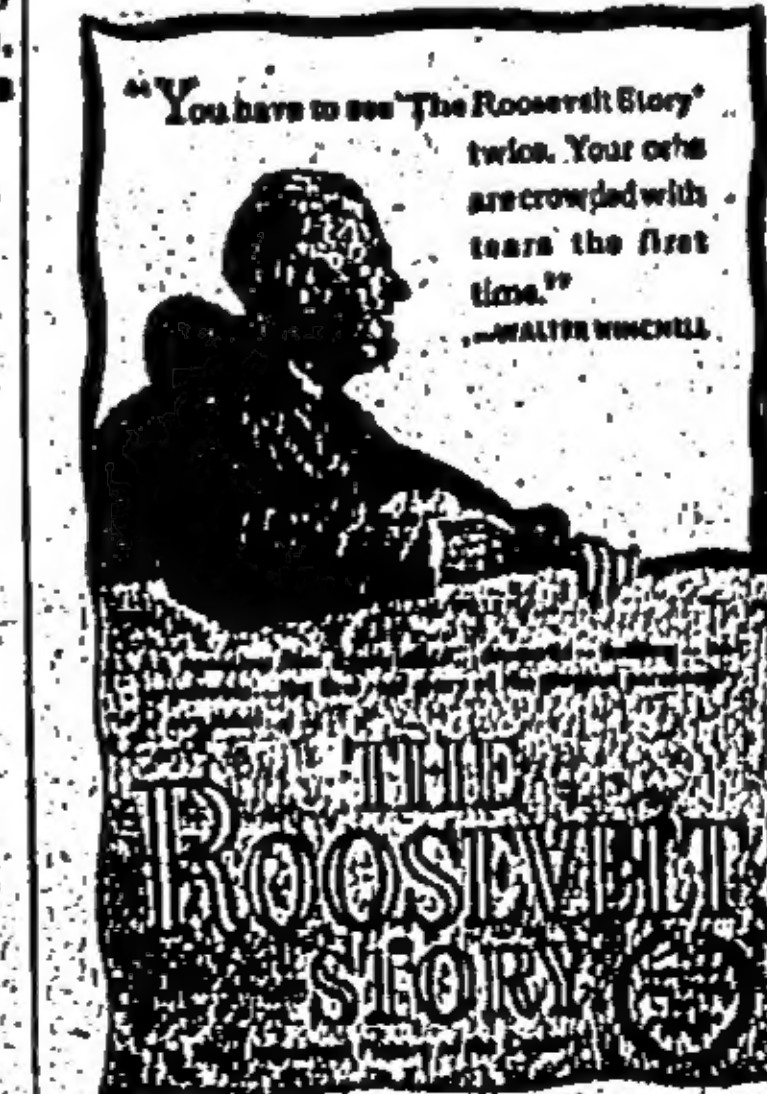


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Commonwealth Financial Aid For Burma

Rangoon, December 6.
Countries of the British Commonwealth have agreed to give Burma financial aid amounting to 350,000,000 Burmese rupees, an official source said today.

The source said the decision was disclosed to the Foreign Minister, U E. Maung, on his recent visit to London. It is understood that the first part of the loan will be made in 1950.—Associated Press.

TESTS ON WARSHIPS IN THE TROPICS

Singapore, December 7.

Scientists are at work on experiments at the King Edward VII College of Medicine to determine whether warships in Far Eastern waters should be "tropicalised" to suit climatic conditions.

It may be 1951, however, before the work at the Tropical Research Unit of Great Britain to determine some of the effects on men exposed to hot environment is completed and put into operation.

Surgeon Commander F. P. Ellis, who heads the unit, explained the work: "The Admiralty was interested in climatic problems during the war, when reports from warships in tropical waters suggested that severity of the heat between decks was likely to interfere with the fighting efficiency of the fleet. It was involved in prolonged actions with the enemy."

Naval ratings volunteered to undergo the tests under which actual conditions on board certain compartments of warships are simulated.

"The 23 Naval ratings who act as subjects for the main experiments are all in good health and have served one hot season in the tropics," said Surgeon Commander Ellis.

"Some of them carry out heavy physical work such as guns crews may have to perform in action. Others carry out tasks which require less energy expenditure but greater concentration of skill which may be of a boring nature but which are necessary to shipboard efficiency."—Associated Press.



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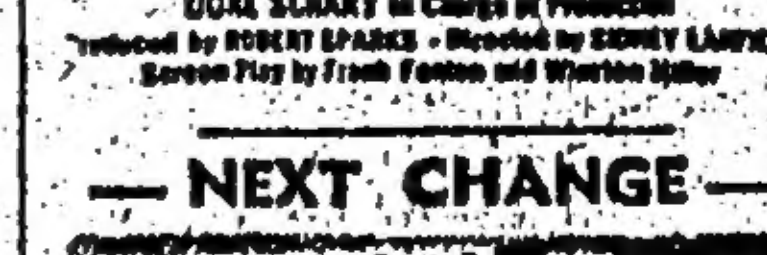
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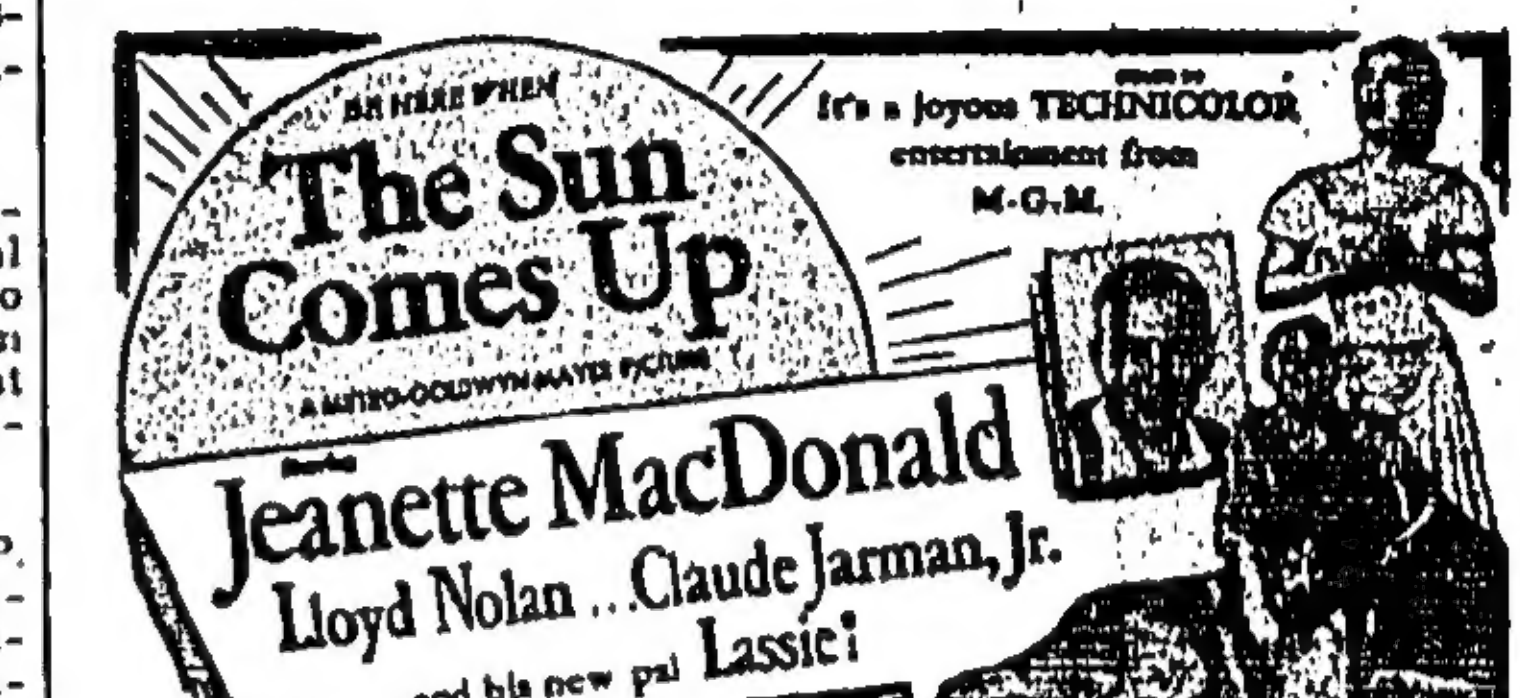
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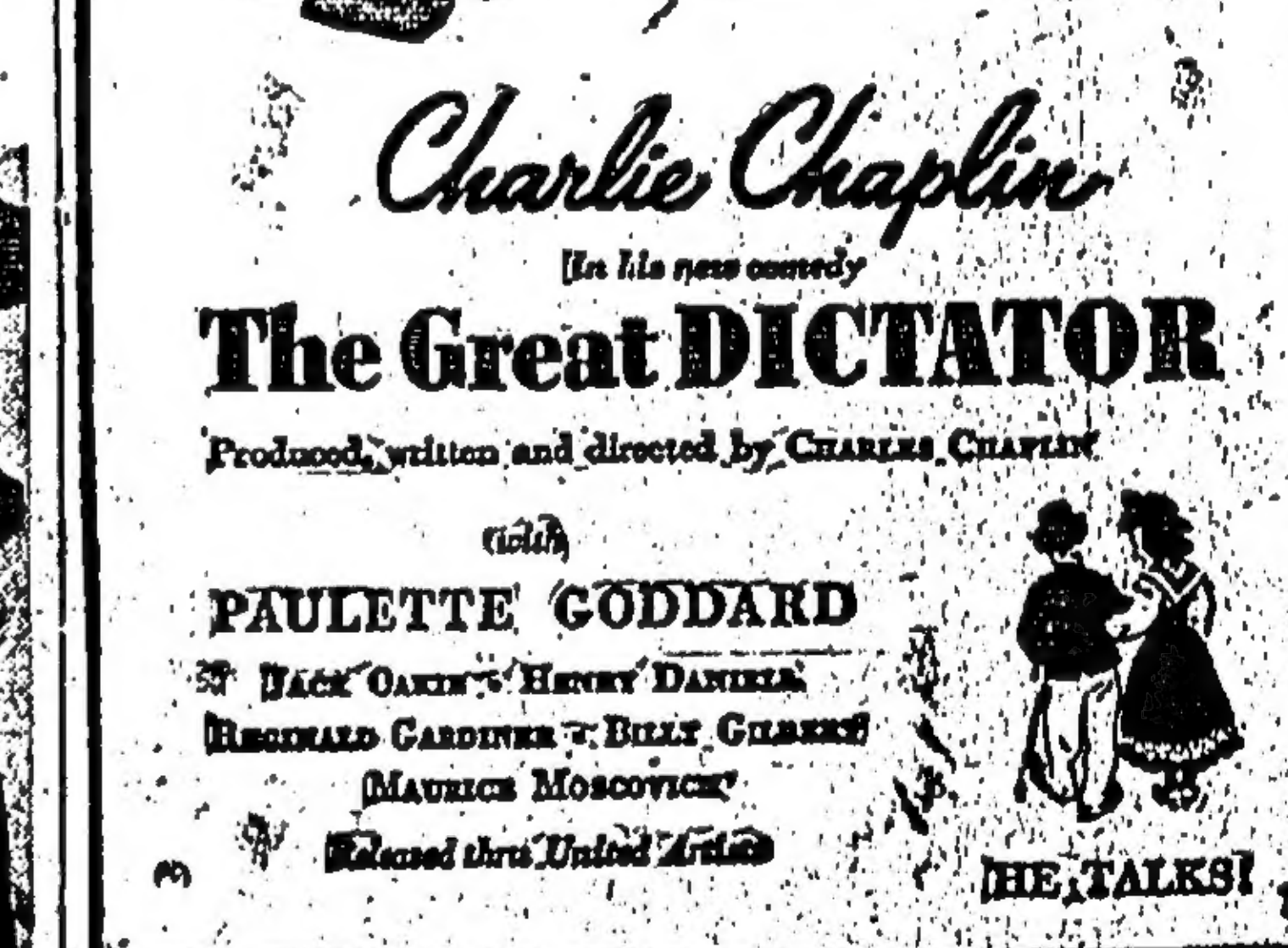
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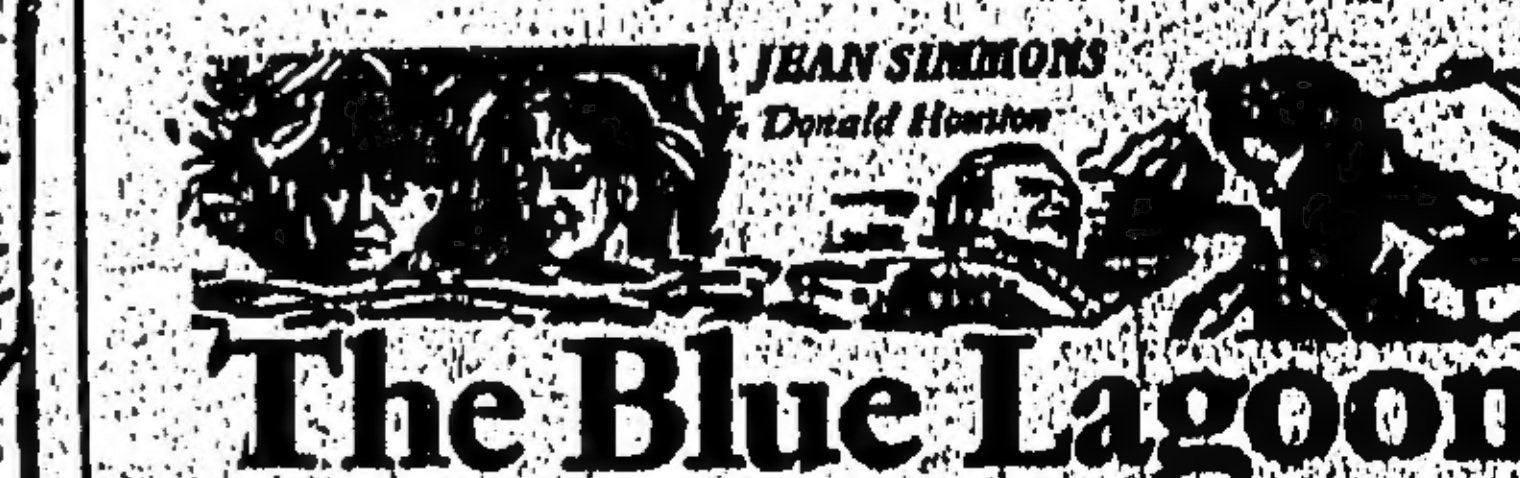
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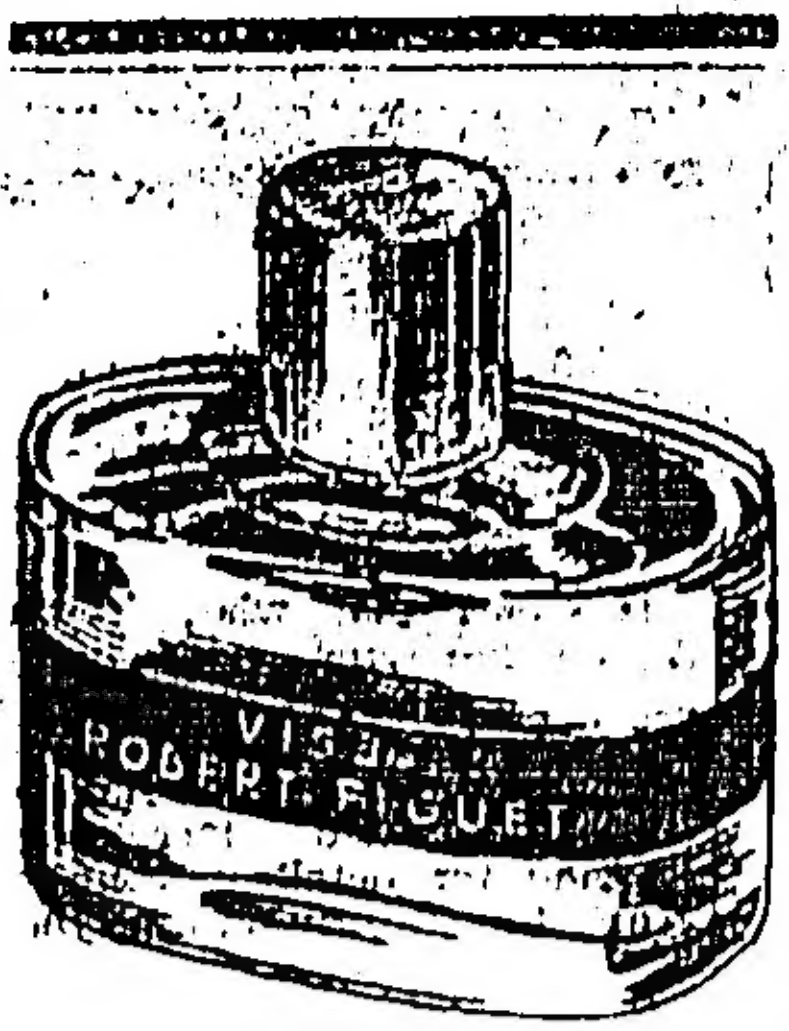
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Danish Royalty In Britain



The Opposition leader and wartime Premier, Winston Churchill, was 75 on November 30. The Danish Embassy in London honoured the occasion by a special birthday lunch attended by the King and Queen of Denmark. Hosts were the Danish Ambassador, Count Edoard Ventenow and his wife. Photo shows: left to right at the Embassy lunch are: Winston Churchill; Queen Ingrid of Denmark; the British Premier, Clement Attlee; and King Frederik of Denmark. (Associated Press Photo).

ATOMIC PARTNERSHIP REVIVAL DISCUSSED

Washington, December 6.

Britain's decision to halt work on a large new atomic pile raised speculation today over possible revival of the British-American-Canadian partnership in atomic energy developments which existed during the war.

That would mean the participation of British scientists in American atomic research, including weapons.

It also would mean the sharing of atomic secrets by both countries to a degree unknown in recent years.

Some diplomatic authorities believe that recommendations along that line may be taken up with Congress early next year.

CRUSADE FAILURE FORECAST

Belgrade, December 6.

Yugoslavia's official newspaper predicted today that the Communist demand for a world Marxist Crusade against Yugoslavia will boomerang.

"Hecuba" Communist organ of Marshal Tito's Government, said in a four-column editorial the Communist information bureau's latest manifesto completed the bankruptcy of the so-called Soviet peace policy, and marked the collapse of its wishful reliance on an internal Yugoslav revolt.

The editorial was the first detailed rejection of the resolutions adopted in a meeting of the Cominform in Hungary and published just a week ago. The resolutions laid it on the line that it is the "international duty" of Communists and workers everywhere to help overthrow the Tito regime.

"Hecuba" said this was a monstrous plot to make the world workers the "tools of the non-peace-loving policy of the Soviet Government." These workers, the paper added, have been given the international task of swallowing "another poisonous pill."

The Cominform's resolution of June 1949 throwing Tito out of the organisation was at least disguised as "some kind of Marxist document," "Hecuba" said, but the latest one dropped such pretences and resembled the "sentence of some court martial."

The editorial said this action by Russia and her satellites will "only deepen and increase" disapproval of such tactics among the working masses. Associated Press.

President Harry Truman proposed members of the Senate House Atomic Energy Committee that no new agreements would be made with the British and Canadian Governments in this field without prior consultation with Congress.

Representatives of the three Governments have been holding a series of exploratory talks at the State Department off and on since late September.

A new stage in these talks now appears to have been reached. Some informed diplomats said today the three Governments are nearing a general understanding on what needs to be done to smooth out current difficulties.

On Monday, the British stopped work on a large new atomic pile (a "furnace" in which uranium is converted into explosive or energy giving material.)

Cryptic Remark

A spokesman in London said the action was taken "after a review of the programme and in the light of possible developments in the near future."

This cryptic explanation—which did not indicate what kind of developments might be in the offing—prompted speculation among well-informed diplomats here along two lines.

One is that Britain may have been at least partly motivated by economic reasons in ordering the curtailment in its programme. Atomic energy plants are extremely expensive.

The other speculation is that even if economy played a part, the British may also have had reason to feel that the work they planned would be to some extent factually in the United States if their scientists participated in American projects. Associated Press.

ISRAEL MISSION TO THE PI

Tel Aviv, December 6.

An Israel five-man goodwill and trade mission is to leave for the Philippines on Thursday to study the possibilities of a further exchange of goods, and the development of air communications.

The delegation is headed by Dr. Gershon Meron of the Israel Foreign Office. Associated Press.

BELGRADE TRIAL OF RUSSIANS

Sarajevo, December 6.

The trial of 10 Russians accused of spying for the USSR ended tonight and the court announced that verdicts will be given at 10 a.m. on Friday. The court president Stevo Jokanovic, adjourned the trial at 8.20 p.m.

All the defendants had pleaded guilty to charges of wartime collaboration with the Nazis and post-war espionage for Russia in Yugoslavia. The trial was the first of alleged agents for the Kremlin ever held in a Communist country.

In an hour and a half summation, the public prosecutor, Enver Krizic, told the Sarajevo court that the charges of collaboration and espionage had been completely proved, but he put forward his statements with attacks on Russia for "blackmailing" its nationals into its service.

Krizic stressed that the State was applying the stringent law governing crimes against the people and the State in its most lenient form under Article four. This provides for minimum punishment of three years and maximum of 20 years hard labour.

"It is really very regretful that the Soviet authorities had to engage such base characters in the campaign against our country," said Krizic. He added that Soviet official representatives in the Belgrade Embassy "recorded all the defendants' personal data and gradually sucked them into their espionage ring."

"To begin with, they appealed to them to accept Soviet citizenship, promising that one day they would be repatriated. Then, holding them with this promise over their heads, they gradually entrusted them with the task of supplying economic and political intelligence reports." United Press.

Lisbon, December 6. Negotiations with Greece for a trade and payments agreement started here today, the Foreign Office announced. United Press.

ERP NATIONS ASKED TO PAY BACK DOLLARS

Washington, December 6.

Economic Co-Operation Administration officials here disclosed today that seven European countries have been asked to refund a total of \$30,000,000 in Marshall Plan funds. Reason is that they failed to ship 50 per cent of assistance goods in American-owned ships.

The countries involved are France, Britain, the Netherlands, the Belgian-Luxembourg Union, Sweden, Elre and Denmark.

ECA officials said that the money refunded would be used to purchase additional Marshall Plan goods for the countries concerned.

The request for refunds was made after a two-day conference here last week between the ECA and the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation.

The seven countries were accused by the ECA in October of

Allies Stop Discussions In Berlin

Berlin, December 6.

The Western Allies tonight announced that they had informed Russia that four-power talks on "normalization" of life in Berlin will be suspended until the Soviet Union has lived up to past agreements.

In a letter sent on November 21 to Major-General Alexander Kotikov, Soviet commander in Berlin, and released today, the American, British and French commanders said: "It is not possible for the Western commandants to proceed further with normalization discussions unless they have an assurance that any agreements reached will be translated into action." United Press.

violating a provision in the ECA law that at least 50 per cent of Marshall Plan cargo must be carried to Europe in United States ships.

The ECA asked for repayment on 48,395 tons of procurement made during the second quarter of this year.

Since then, however, the total for the quarter increased to 150,000 tons valued at \$39,000,000.

At last week's conference, representatives of the OEEC admitted that the quota fell short by this amount or about five per cent of the total tonnage.

Officials would not state the percentage by which each country fell short of its quota or the amount each would be asked to refund.

ECA officials said that the OEEC at first claimed that all Marshall Plan countries were obeying the regulations and submitted statistics disputing figures prepared by the ECA.

Later, the OEEC agreed that ECA figures were correct, they added.

The conference and the request for refund followed strong Congressional criticism this year that Marshall Plan countries were disregarding the "50-50" provision. —Reuter.

RED BID FOR WEST BERLIN

Berlin, December 6.

The Communist-dominated Socialist Unity Party is planning an all-out political campaign to capture West Berlin this winter, reports from Eastern and Western sources here today showed.

The main lines of the campaign were announced on Sunday by Franz Dahlen, Spanish war veteran and member of the Central Committee, addressing the Berlin District Conference of the Party.

"The American Imperialist enemies of Germany have established their bridgehead in Berlin from which they hope to sabotage the progress in the German Democratic Republic," Herr Dahlen stated.

"We must capture this bridgehead from within and tear it from the hands of the enemies of the German people."

Practical steps to be taken must include the following, Herr Dahlen stressed:

(1) Let united fronts be set up with Social Democrats and members of the Communist trade unions.

(2) Members of West Berlin factory groups must be invited to inspect nationalised factories in the East.

(3) Boycott campaigns similar to those in France and Italy must be initiated against war-mongering films and newspapers.

(4) Peace committees and groups of the German-Soviet Friendship League must be established, particularly based on prisoners of war.

The official Soviet "Tagliche Rundschau," giving its blessing to the campaign today, stated that West Berlin must be captured by the "West" Berliners themselves fighting against the foreign agents.

"Berliners are the same people whether they live in East or West and conditions that have become natural and obvious in the East must become natural in the West," the paper said.

The West German news agency today reported that according to well-informed Communist sources the campaign should reach its peak in the middle of January.

The campaign would be aimed particularly at the quarter of a million unemployed in West Berlin, the agency stated. —Reuter.

KASHMIR REPORT

Flushing Meadow, December 6.

The report of the United Nations Kashmir Commission has been completed and is expected to reach the United Nations headquarters within the next two days, High U.N. officials told Reuter here today.

When the report is received it will be circulated to members of the Security Council, the officials said. —Reuter.



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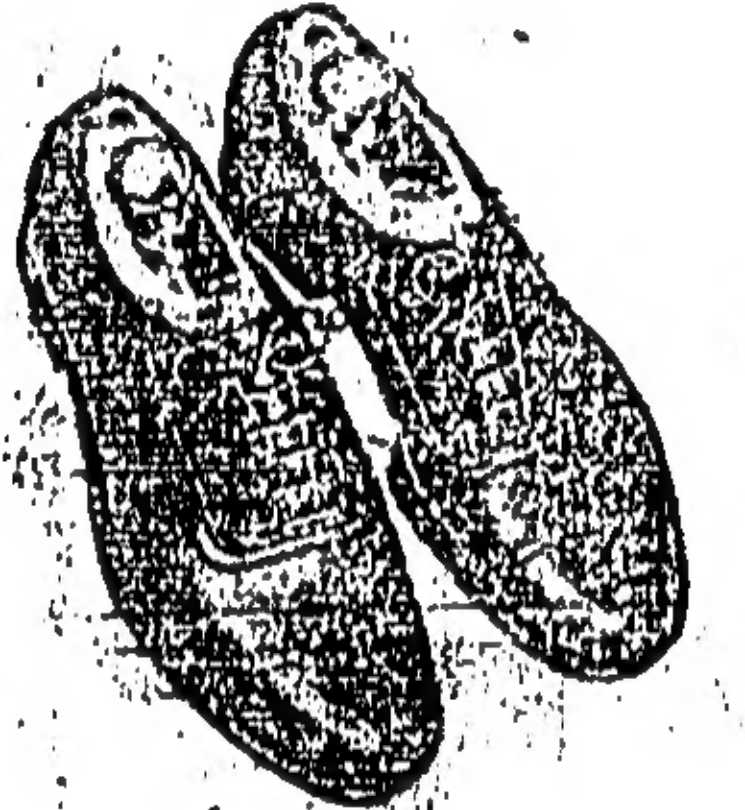
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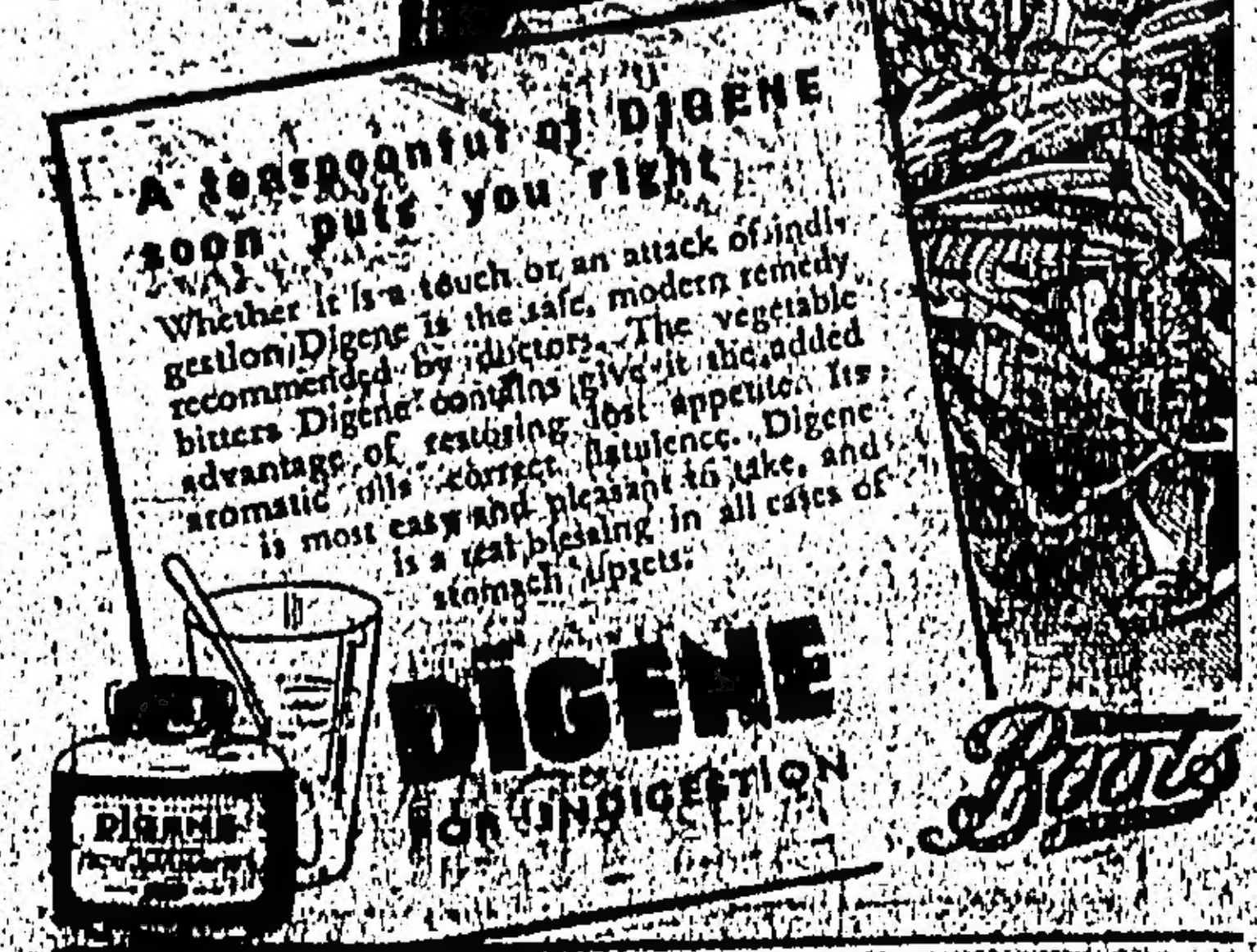
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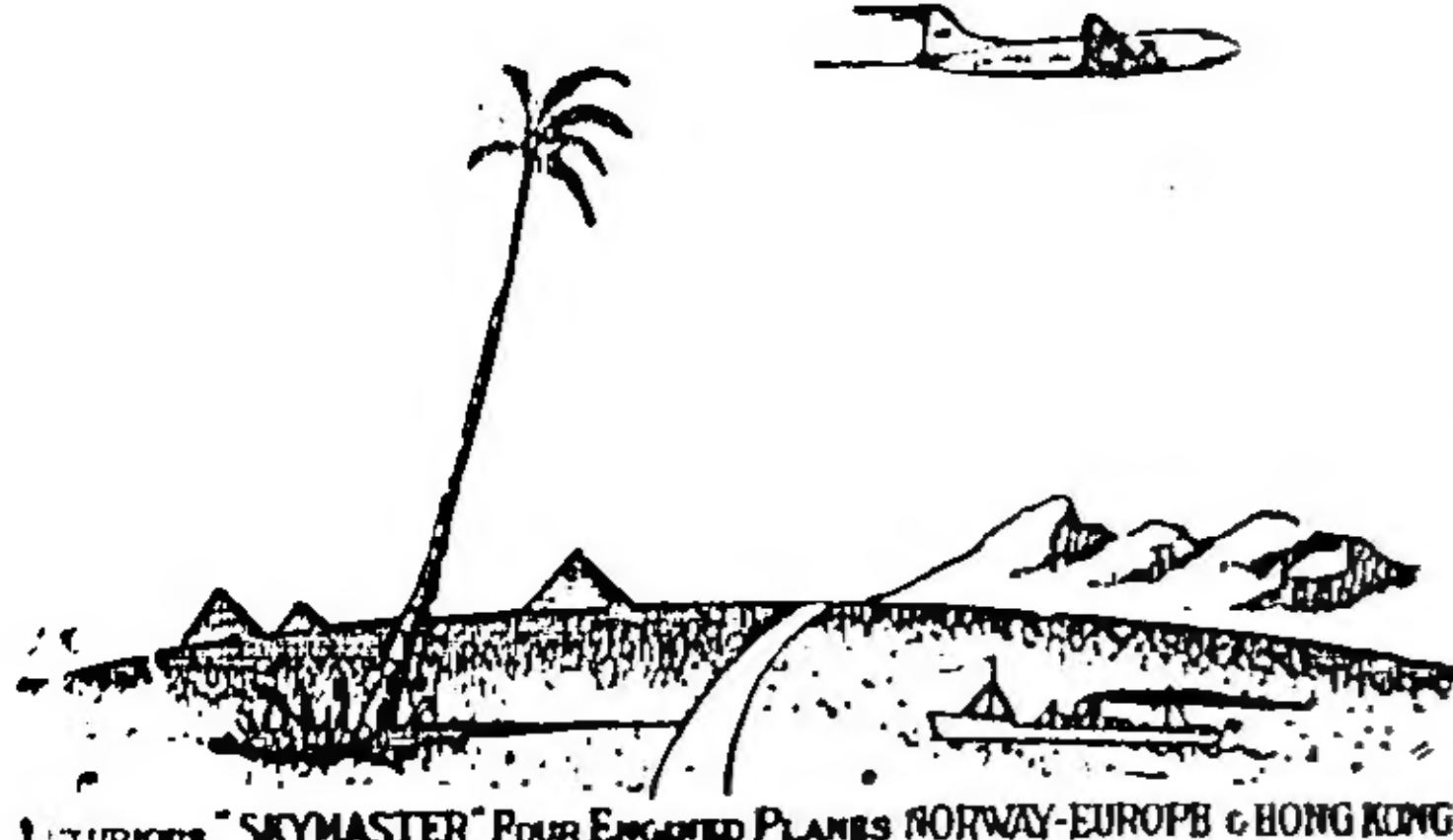
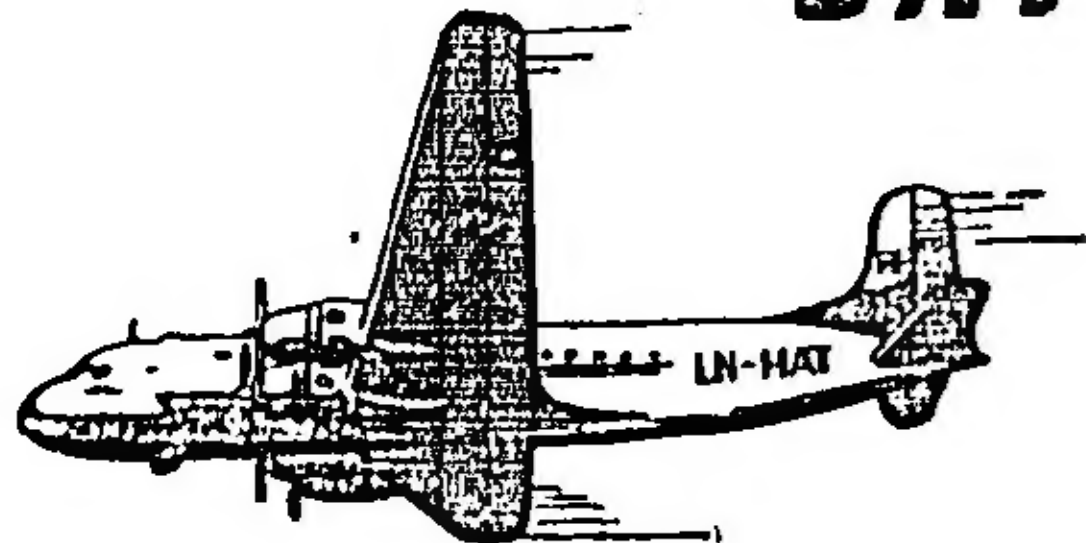
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DUNBAR ELSIE LYONS, beloved wife of LAMBERT DUNBAR, passed away on December 6th, 1949, in San Mateo, California, in her 66th year.

THE SIBU OUTRAGE

The attempt on the life of the new Governor of Sarawak, Mr. D. G. Stewart, at Sibu must have come as a shock to many people. Murder and violence have been rife in neighbouring Indonesia during the turbulent years since the war, but hitherto the Malays in British territories have kept to their ways in peace and order. It does not follow that the incident, deplorable in itself, is symptomatic of any deep-seated disorder. It does indicate, nevertheless, that even such isolated areas as North Borneo and Sarawak, which have been models of order, are not wholly sheltered from the upheaval which has nearly all Asia in its grip.

The two Malay youths concerned in the attempt on the Governor's life apparently belonged to the Union of Young Malays, whose members are said to be opposed to the cession of the territory to Britain. Some of these wish to see the Brooke dynasty restored. That attitude is somewhat atavistic in these days, for Modern youth seems impatient of privilege in all its forms, and has as little respect for inherited titles as it has for the modern bureaucracy. Of course, a change of regime involves a great many things, for family systems grow up around the centre of authority, and the decline of one means the decline from place and privilege of the other and there has been a lot of criticism of the way in which cession was effected.

In the case of the Brooke Dynasty in Sarawak, there is also no doubt a certain loyalty which derived from a picturesque and benevolent tradition. Sarawak enjoyed British protection, and left the control of external affairs to the British Government in the days of the Dynasty. It could never have survived independently even in the past—still less in the future—without Britain's backing.

The ultimate act of cession, in which the former ruler himself took the initiative, was entirely logical, if not necessarily impersonal. Sarawak presented serious problems at the end of the war. Both that territory and British North Borneo had taken a terrible beating. Recovery and rehabilitation involved heavy cost. Pressure for new development was considerable, and that, too, meant more money. The British taxpayer has been quite generous about this, and if the many plans for new development have not borne fruit as yet, that is not because the funds were not available.

There was no more persistent propagandist in Malaya than Mr. Anthony Brooke, who continually brought up the issue of cession at every opportunity. It has also been taken to the highest judicial levels for judgment. Unless there is a legal decision to the contrary, however, it is most unlikely that policy will ever be changed either in North Borneo or in Sarawak. Under the new regime, the rudiments of self-government have been developed, a good deal, and are practised by nearly one-third of the in-

SOCIALISM FACES ITS BIGGEST SET-BACK

By G. WARD PRICE

If Australia's Labour Government is defeated at the polls on Saturday—which close investigation reveals as likely—it will be the greatest set-back Socialism has received since it began to spread over the British Commonwealth.

The whole principle of Socialism is at issue in the coming election. The Opposition, consisting of the linked forces of the Liberal and Country Parties, appeals to the voters in the name of individual freedom and private enterprise as against State control. For a British observer, it is rather humbling to find how Britain, under her present Government, appears to Australian eyes in the light of "an awful example."

In his official manifesto as leader of the Liberals, Mr. R. G. Menzies, former Premier, says: "The Socialists in Britain are already introducing industrial nationalisation. How could they do otherwise? It is essential to the whole Socialist conception."

The fact that walls in Sydney and other Australian cities still carry appeals to send food parcels to the Australian minds the failure of the British Socialist Government to fulfil the promises it actually made to the electors four and a half years ago.

"If anyone seeks a monument to Socialism let him look around him and study Britain," says the "Sydney Bulletin." There a Socialist Government elected on a Socialist programme, has made a more or less free run. And now look at it!

"The country is almost bankrupt. Inflation has run away with the sterling pound; shortages of food and everything else, and a new phase of 'austerity' beyond anything the British people have sampled yet—and now the Socialist crowd is frightened of its own policy."

No Great Issue
In this Australian election there is no issue on which both sides have agreed to measure their strength.

The Labour Government says the election turns on employment, accuses the Opposition of wanting to create a pool of unemployed. Nine more local authorities have been established, most of them on a racial basis, though in one particular region all the races living there take part, and it is hoped to extend this principle not only among the local bodies but also to the Council Negri. Most of the 11 unofficial seats recently became vacant, and it was officially stated some months ago that opportunity had thereby been taken to begin fuller representation of the people by their elected members.

A broadly-based pyramid of election has been instituted among the Ibans, with its counterpart among the other races. The heads of the long-houses elect their Penghulu or headman, the Penghulus in turn elect members of the District Councils, whose members elect representatives to serve on the Divisional Councils. These Councils in turn nominate six members to serve as unofficials on the Council Negri.

District and Divisional Councils are inter-racial. For example, in the First Division, which returned one Chinese and one Malay, each received votes from Malays, Chinese, and Dyaks alike. This helps to break down and prevent the crystallisation of racial distinctions and to merge them into a sense of common Sarawak citizenship.

This is the broad motive of major policy in all the British territories in South East Asia. The ultimate design is to create a new Dominion with a number of autonomous members. Where the many millions of Asia are going nobody knows. But we all know they are on the march—and are certainly not marching back into the past.

It is impossible to deny a sentimental sigh for such old and picturesque institutions as the Brooke autocracy, with its Elizabethan flavour. But Communism is so aggressive and expansive that it doesn't allow much scope for such ideas. Democracy isn't quite such a refuge against it as it might be. Burma has shown, but it's a better one than a revelation to institutions that came out of a far simpler and more isolated past.

workless people as a source of economic pressure. This is refuted by the fact that the prevailing demand for labour is so intense that factories are working short time for lack of hands. Office boys are being offered more than £5 a week and the ordinary worker has so much money to spend that, according to a Treasury Report issued recently in the past 12 months the average betting turnover has been £25 per head.

The Opposition's main challenge to the Government is on the policy of Socialisation as symbolised by the recent attempt to nationalise the banking industry. This was defeated by the High Court whose decision was that it infringed Australia's written Federal Constitution was confirmed by the Privy Council.

Fear For Banks

There is a widespread fear that if the present Government got back to power it would squeeze the commercial banks out of business by methods similar to those being employed to hamper the internal airlines, which compete with the Government's own service.

Bankers, industrialists, agree in opposing Government control of

banking on the ground that the Labour Administration would then be the only source of credit and banking accounts would be open to official inspection and control.

It is also believed that nationalisation of the banks would soon be followed by that of insurance.

The second plank in the Opposition programme is the outlawing of the Communist Party. The Government affects to regard this as superfluous and unwise in that it would drive Communist agitation underground.

Though Communism is politically weak in Australia, where it has never won a Parliamentary seat, its agents hold key positions in industrial matters by occupying the post of secretary in each of the five largest trade unions—coal miners, seamen, dockers, engineers, and ironworkers.

In this election the influence of the Australian branch of the British Medical Association will also be against the Government. With more resolution than was shown by their colleagues in the United Kingdom 99 per cent of the 7,000 Australian medical practitioners have consistently opposed the Labour Party's National Health Scheme.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM?

By ANN CHARTERIS

A few weeks after Britain's Prime Minister warned the country of its formidable financial troubles comes a "reassuring" book telling all about British institutions and the British people.

It is by Virginia Cowles, American writer and ex-war correspondent, who is now married to Aidan Crawley (Harrow and Oxford), the Socialist MP for Buckingham.

Miss Cowles calls this book "No Cause for Alarm." This is a strangely complacent title. In days when the swift decline of the £ and the gradual rise in prices are alarming even the scatter-brained Government who are responsible for it many people think there is Every Cause for Alarm.

The author, though an American, has a deep affection for Britain, but it does not follow that she has a deep comprehension of it. We are told on the cover that she "knows England thoroughly." Her knowledge may be wide, but it is not profound.

When she writes of English customs and traditions she is, to use a sporting expression of her native land, frequently "off base." The book was primarily designed for the American public. Was it also meant to ease the Labour Government's next dollar-begging mission to the United States?

Oddly One Sided
There is a great deal of information in the book, but on some of Britain's institutions it is oddly one-sided. She refers to the Conservatives though never to the Socialists, in descending terms.

Thus she says that "to be a Conservative MP was a social distinction. Many worked hard, but a good many went into the House of Commons because it was a fashionable thing for a young man to do."

She lays undue stress on their wealth (as though all Tories were rich and all Socialists poor), but when she speaks of the handicaps of poorer Socialists in fighting constituencies she does not mention the help they receive from the party or trade union funds.

Queer Ideas
Her book reveals many other queer ideas about Britain's political structure. Thus she says that in 1945, "for the first time in the history of England, members of the upper class no longer controlled the House of Commons."

That, of course, is fantastic. The great middle-class had controlled it for a century, and even now its leaders are middle-class men. If we are to judge by such notions, Mr. Attlee is higher in the social scale than was Mr. Lloyd George—so is Sir Stafford Cripps.

Referring to the Conservative headquarters at a by-election, Miss Cowles says: "There were no shabby clothes, no loud voices, no middle-class accents." That is preposterous. Of course, the place was filled with the middle-class accent.

It is astonishing to learn that Mr. Churchill "has no gift of repartee" and that Mr. Herbert Morrison's opponents speak of him as "Tammany boss" when it was his colleague Bevan who called him that (he furthermore said that Morrison was a third-rate one).

She says that when Morrison was instrumental in breaking up the war-time Coalition, Churchill became "a piqued, small boy" and "saw the equinox" he was most glad to be rid of was Mr. Morrison.

With Left Hand
Thus she says that up to the war the House of Commons was known as "the most exclusive club in the world" when it was really known as "the best club in the world"—a very different thing with a very different implication.

This prejudice also creeps into the description of the House of Lords. The author understates the peers' contribution to the machinery of State, and exaggerates their "obstructionism." She does not know that many members of the Upper House work an unsalaried 44-hour week to improve faulty

Nationalisation In Hungary
Nationalisation, a burning topic in many countries, has been attracting the attention of correspondent Ritchie McEwen in Vienna.

Writing from the Austrian capital, McEwen reports that for the past few months neighbouring Hungary's Communist Government has been nationalising every business, large or small, throughout the country.

As the nationalisation programme advanced, so did the country's papers begin carrying full-page advertisements—"Clearance sales at the cheapest prices"—the last attempt of shopkeepers to rescue something before being caught in the nationalisation web.

Some shopkeepers, however, were too worried even to attempt to "sell out" and as a result fell victims to Government agents who visited them and by offering to sell them huge stocks of goods made them believe they were not going to be nationalised.

As soon as the goods had been bought, however, and the shopkeepers had paid the money for them the same agents returned to say they were taking over the stores!

How Lovers Behave In Japan
While "all the world loves a lover", to be in love in Japan may not always ensure sympathy and understanding.

In Tokyo, in fact, to be in love may mean, more often than not, that you act as nothing more exciting than an unconscious test specimen for University professors studying the Science of Love.

With characteristic Japanese attention to detail, one such professor at Tokyo University has just made a detailed check of "How Sweethearts Behave when in Love."

According to the professor, of 600 couples followed without their knowing, 290 walked arm in arm, 127 held hands, 20 walked "awkwardly embracing" and 140 walked normally side by side.

Among 600 couples sitting on park benches, 382 were holding hands, 103 were kissing, while only 23 were sitting without "any outward sign of affection."

In gravely publishing his report, the professor includes a map showing where each observation was made. Even if his publication is not a best-seller, his map will at least allow future sweethearts the places to be avoided.

So far the resistance of the profession has made the Labour Government's health legislation a dead letter, but if it is returned to power it may drag down the doctors into submission.

Petrol Question

The comparatively insignificant question of petrol rationing may swing many votes against the Government. It is posed rationing, then found, as with the attempt to nationalise the banks, that this measure was unconstitutional. So to save face as well as dollars, the Labour Government had to appeal to the States Legislatures to impose petrol restrictions.

This persistence in curtailing supplies antagonised the farmers in addition to garage owners and motoring organisations. The Opposition maintains that sufficient petrol can be found in the rationing area.

In the last House of Representatives the Liberals held 14 and the Country Party 11 out of 75 seats. This left the Labour Government with a majority of 10, as one of the 75 seats is held by the representative of Northern Territories, who doesn't vote.

For Saturday's election the size of the Australian Parliament has been almost doubled by the creation of new constituencies. Instead of 75 members it will have 121, while the Senate has been increased from 36 to 60.

legislation sent up from the Commons. Yes, this book is clearly written with the left hand. Moreover, some of it is out of date. For example, Miss Cowles exaggerates the wealth of the wealthy. She mentions several families still living in their ancestral homes, but she does not say that more often than not they inhabit only one wing, and some of them preserve their beautiful houses and estates only through the money earned by throwing them open to the public.

Idealistic Tinge
Though the author's vision is so often myopic, she has discerned that, in the mingling of affection, reverence, and loyalty which best describes the British people's attitude towards the Crown and the Royal Family, there is something almost incomprehensible to outsiders.

However, she says the monarchy works because "everyone bonds over backwards to make it work," though the King's subjects are certainly not conscious of any such physical effort. The monarchy works because it is part of our heritage and tradition. No American would like to be told that he had to "bend over backwards to do honour to the Stars and Stripes."

Miss Cowles devotes a rose-coloured chapter to nationalisation—though she shirks publishing figures of the sums lost by the nationalised industries. Few would deny that in some cases nationalisation was a good thing, but the author does not perhaps realise that it is rarely yet to say that it will be successful.

"Cause for Alarm" is biased, but it is also tinged with idealism—more especially the chapter on Western Union. It contains much that is interesting, when the author forgets her prejudices. When she retains them it is engagingly provocative.

It should make a good Christmas present, and a talking point for the family circle—if this is the sort of thing you talk about at Christmas.

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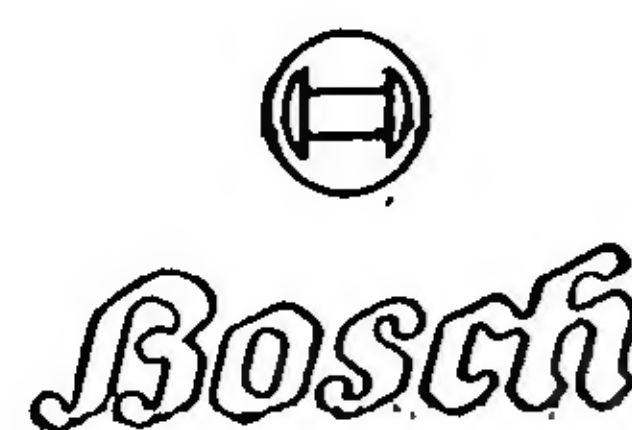
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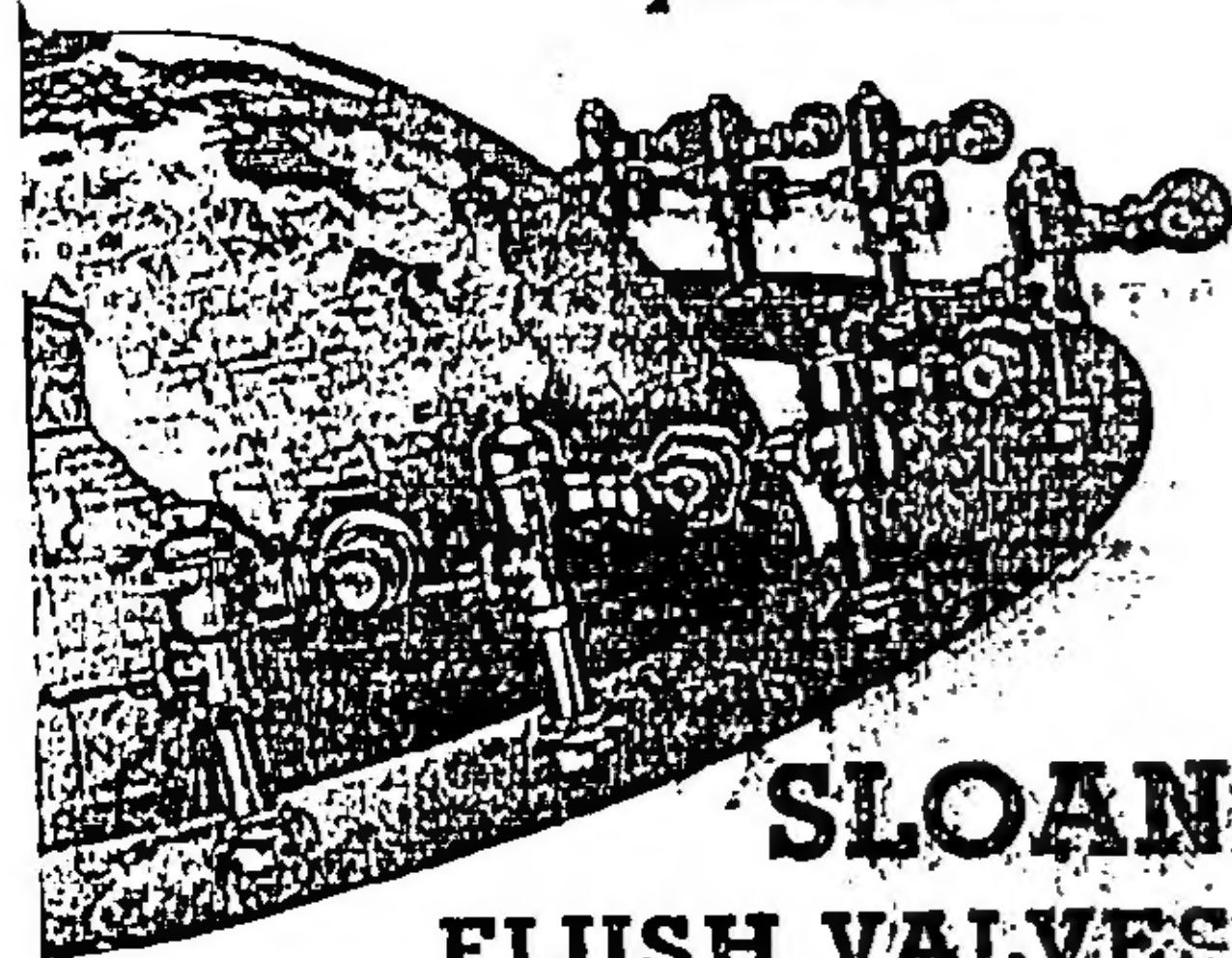
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THE CONTRACTING GLOBE

By A Special Correspondent

The recent eight day round-the-world flight made by two BBC commentators has confounded even the prevision of Jules Verne whose novel "Autour du monde en quatre-vingt jours", published in 1872, was at the time regarded to the realm of fantasy and considered more probable than is inter-planetary travel today.

Reflection Heat For Future Home

A completely revolutionary home that will eliminate heating and cooling plant will be built by the University of Cincinnati for experimental purposes. The new type of residence, university officials disclosed, will combine the advantages of low cost and reflective radiant conditioning. It will eliminate such conventional necessities for indoor comfort as furnace, air-conditioning unit, and insulation.

The home will be heated and cooled through radiant channels almost exclusively, with little or no concern for air temperatures. It is built.

Explaining that reflective radiant conditioning is not the same as radiant heating currently obtained by water pipes buried in floor or ceiling, university officials said that the new house will be almost entirely of reflective aluminium foil. The foil is one of the best heat-ray reflectors known.

In place of a heating plant will be a few electrical resistance coils in each room for generating heat. Cooling coils, resistance coils for heat, and fluorescent colour lighting will all be placed in a cave near the ceiling, giving heat and light and removing radiant heat in hot weather only by reflection.

The experiment will be conducted by Dr. Clarence A. Mills, professor of experimental medicine in the university's college of medicine. Dr. Mills and his wife will live in the home to make observations and keep operational records.

"These radiant surfaces, walls and ceiling surfaces act as passive reflectors of heat rays. Their actual temperatures remain the same as those of the air mass next to them," Dr. Mills explained.

"Thus there is no longer any concern over heat flow through walls or ceiling and no further need for insulation. Building construction now needs only to protect against wind and rain, and to provide an inner surface for supporting the heat-reflective aluminium foil. With elimination of the insulation factor and heating plant, building costs can be reduced sharply."

"Added to this is the lower maintenance cost of reflective radiant conditioning, since air mass and building materials no longer need to be heated in winter or cooled in summer, and the fact that under the new system each room is conditioned only while in actual use."

Year-round comfort, Dr. Mills said, should thus be available for much less than is now spent for winter heating alone by conventional methods.

"Some of the newest refrigerators are equipped with heaters. The heater is produced by the U.S. Rubber Co. It is a strip of electrically conductive rubber which warms up to about 115 degrees and is used to prevent "frost" or condensation from condensing on parts of the refrigerator cabinet interior."

The eight days, taken was an overall journey time: the actual flying time was about 107 hours, which gives over a route of a little more than 20,000 miles an average speed of approximately 245 m.p.h. The aircraft used throughout the flight were powered with piston engines.

That such a flight can be made by any fare-paying passenger is even more remarkable when the existing round-the-world record-making flights made in 1947 and 1949 are considered.

In 1947 Captain W. P. Odum flew a course of approximately 20,000 miles in 73 hours 5 minutes, while in March 1949 a USAF Boeing B-50 made the first non-stop round the world flight by means of re-fuelling in the air. The distance covered was 20,462 miles — 1,550 miles shorter than the circumference of the globe at the equator, and the time taken was 94 hours giving an average speed of 219.39 m.p.h.

Important Significance

These record-breaking flights were not only great technical achievements but have important civil and military significance. The "raison d'être" of aviation is speed and the higher the cruising speed of an aircraft the greater the advantages of the aeroplane over other methods of transport. On the world's long distance routes range is of complementary importance to speed since any inter-terminal refuelling stops will affect the overall journey time.

It is the high-speed airliner, capable of economic operation, which will capture the civil aviation market during the next decade. The piston-engine has perished almost reached the zenith of its development as such and it is unlikely that any piston-engine aircraft will be produced to cruise economically at much more than 300 m.p.h. However, the prime-movers the propeller-turbine and turbo-jet — are being rapidly developed, particularly in Britain, and applied to civil air transport, and these engines will supply the necessary thrust for higher cruising speeds.

This year's display of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors at Farnborough, England clearly indicated Britain's opportunity of wresting from the U.S. the latter's undoubted lead in civil aircraft, gained in the war years when all the Commonwealth's resources were concentrated on the production of military aircraft.

Although the piston-engine aircraft may be expected to hold its own on short-stage and feeder-line routes for several years to come, it is reasonably certain that for long and medium stage routes the turbo-jet and propeller-turbine powered aircraft, with their higher cruising speed will supersede it ultimately.

BOAC is the first, and at present only, airline in the world to place an order for turbo-jet powered airliners. Its associate company, British West Indian Airways, and the British European Airways Corporation are the first, and at present only, airlines to order propeller-turbine powered aircraft.

Reasons For Change

The reasons for the ascendancy of these new types of power plant over the piston engine are broadly as follows:

Higher speeds at the lower altitudes necessitate smaller wings which in turn result in high wing loading (weight area: wing).

With consequent excessive length in take-off run and high landing speeds. The 19 obtain higher speeds without increasing the present practical limits of take-off run and landing speed it is necessary to fly an aircraft at high altitudes where the plane drag is progressively reduced with decreasing air density or, put another way, where for a specific amount of drag the true speed will increase with increasing altitude.

At 20,000 feet the mechanically driven supercharger absorbs some 20 per cent of the total horsepower and at higher altitudes there is a corresponding increase in power absorption, and the jet supercharger, by drawing exhaust gases from the engine, is lighter and produces an equivalent degree of supercharging to higher altitudes.

Similarly the propulsive efficiency of a propeller falls off with altitude owing to limitations of blade pitch. Hence from 350-500 m.p.h. and up to the limiting altitude a propeller driven by a turbine is a practical proposition. The high efficiency thrust of the propeller is augmented by the additional thrust produced by the exhaust efflux of the turbine.

The propulsive efficiency of the pure (turbo) jet engine increases with speed and only reaches 100 per cent when the speed of the aircraft equals that of the exhaust efflux. With an exhaust velocity of 1,400 m.p.h. and an aircraft speed of 550 m.p.h. the propulsive efficiency is only 65 per cent — an efficiency which can be increased by increasing the aircraft speed which we have rather seen requires higher altitudes for efficient operation. Hence at speeds of more than 600 m.p.h. a pure jet engine is indicated with an operating height upwards of 35,000 feet.

Between 500 and 550 m.p.h. there is an overlapping and little choice in performance between the propeller-turbine and turbo-jet since at these speeds the specific fuel consumption (thrust/lb. fuel in hours) is roughly equal. The jet engine, however, has a lower weight of the propeller-turbine would weigh the scales in favour of the employment of the lighter turbo-jet engine.

For very high speed flight, therefore, the pure turbo-jet engine will be employed in an aircraft flying at high altitudes where the fuel consumption is expressed in lb. miles/lb. fuel will be less. The additional installation weight of the propeller of the propeller-turbine would weigh the scales in favour of the employment of the lighter turbo-jet engine.

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General View of radio, record-player and amplifier racks

Sound System In National Insurance

An interesting sound equipment installation recently completed by the General Electric Co. Ltd. of England is in the Central Office of the Ministry of National Insurance at Benton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, where a staff of 7,500 are employed in keeping up-to-date the National Insurance and Family Allowance records of the whole population.

The installation consists of two separate 300 watt amplifier assemblies supplying groups of 100 and 164 loudspeakers. The primary purpose of the system is to enable general announcements and operational instructions to be put over to the whole staff without a moment's delay.

In addition the system is adapted for relaying gramophone records and BBC musical programmes.

An Interesting Mobile V.H.F. Radio Installation

Although the uses of VHF radio in industry and commerce are slowly becoming known there are many applications which, although advantageous, have not yet been attempted on a large scale.

One is in the newspaper field, and the illustration shows a trailer caravan which has been equipped by the "Express and Star" Wolverhampton as a tri-purpose unit with radio as the focus of its utility.

The caravan, in effect a branch office on wheels, contains a "BBC" machine for stenographic reports, a fully equipped photographic dark room and a 20-watt VHF radio transmitter and receiver made by the General Electric Company Ltd. of England.

The most modern form of frequency modulation is used for this VHF radio and it is found that interference caused by electrical machinery etc. is almost non-existent. No special technical knowledge is needed to use the equipment and there are not tuning knobs to turn. The handset is picked up and used as an ordinary telephone and the control box contains a small loudspeaker so that the station can be called when the handset is hanging up. By having the vehicle equipped with radio it is not only possible to transmit news direct to head office at Wolverhampton but sports results for the "Bull" machine can be transmitted from head office to the van.

Advice On Pictures

It is also possible to advise the news editor as to pictures available or on their way to him and for the staff of the van to maintain general contact with headquarters when the vehicle is at functions such as agricultural shows, sports meetings etc.

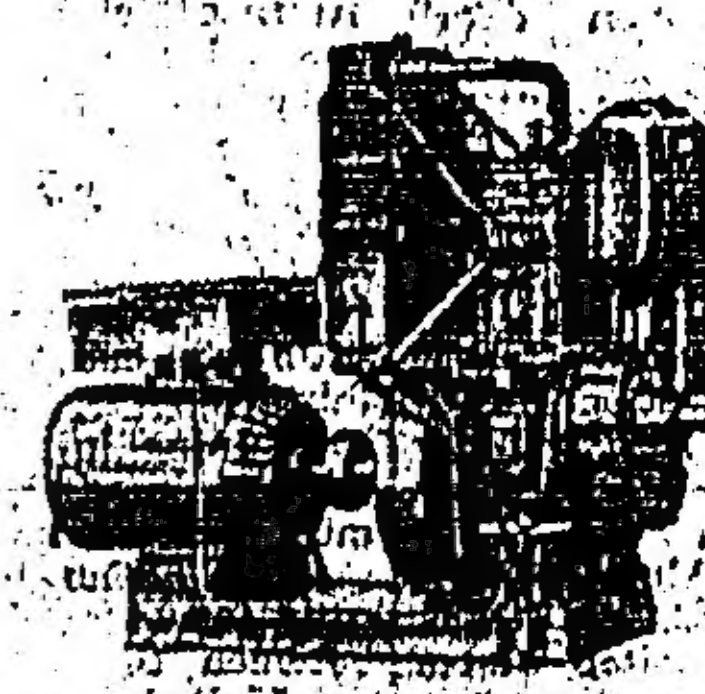
On such occasions it is often a general inquiry office for any matter which might be referred to the paper by the public and has proved to have substantial prestige value by allowing an answer to be given very quickly to any type of question. An interesting feature of the GEC radio equipment is that the same apparatus can be switched to become a public address amplifier and thus announcements can be made from the loudspeakers on the roof without the need to have a special amplifier for this purpose.

The radio equipment has a nominal coverage of 10 miles radius from Wolverhampton but in many cases this is greatly exceeded, especially when the caravan is equipped with high powered power drawn from batteries carried in the caravan and these can be recharged off the dynamo of the towing vehicle.

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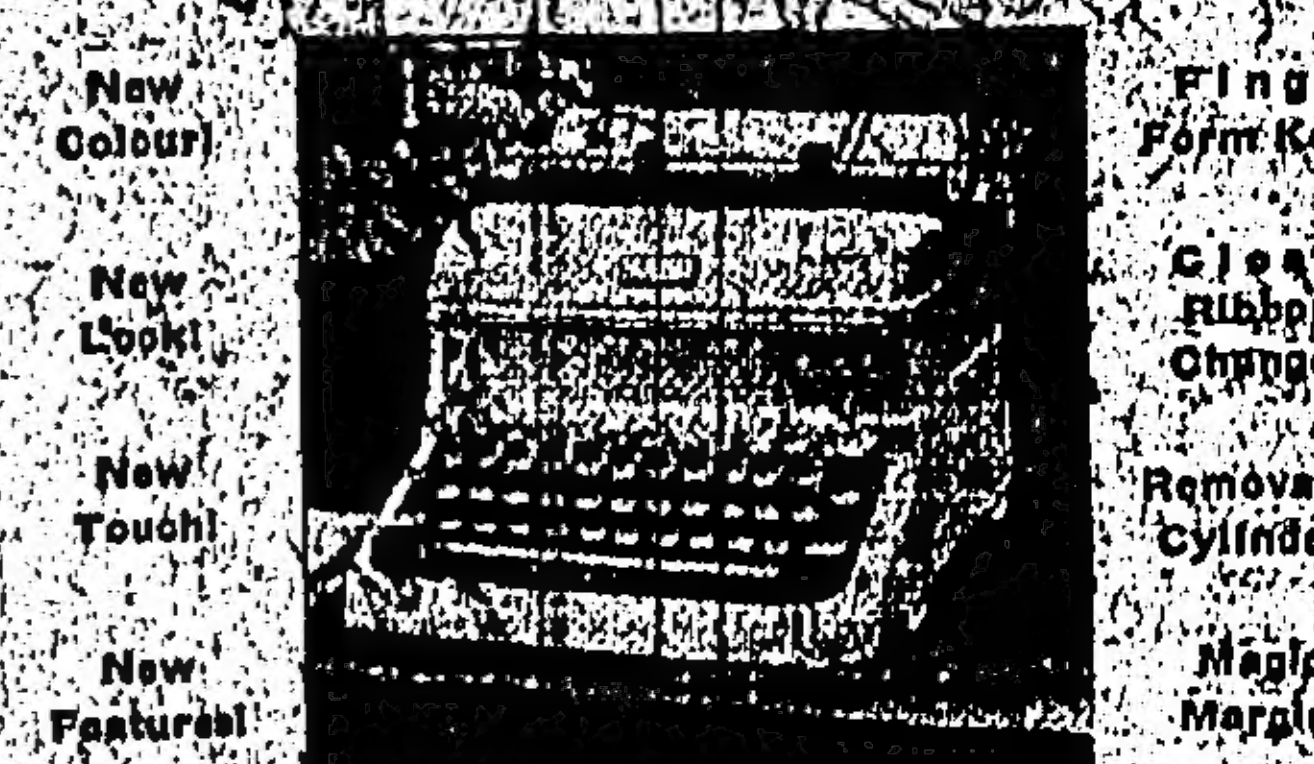
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Film Star On Arms Charge



The French film star, Georges Marchal, on trial at the Palais de Justice in Paris on a charge of having undeclared arms in his possession, gives a light to his secretary, Helene Baur, widow of the French film star Harry Baur, who was killed by the Germans during the war. (Associated Press Photo).

WALLACE TO TESTIFY ON ATOMIC SCANDAL

Washington, December 6.

The former Vice-President, Henry Wallace, inevitably will be called before the House Un-American Activities Committee to tell what he knows of wartime shipments of atomic materials to Russia, a Committee source said today.

The source said that no date had been set for Mr. Wallace's appearance, but he will have to be called.

The Progress Party announced today that Mr. Wallace had notified the Committee chairman, John W. Ford, that he would appear before the Committee at any time.

The Committee had adjourned its inquiry until tomorrow, when it expects to hear General Leslie Groves, retired, who was in charge of the wartime atomic project.

The former Air Force major, General Groves, was questioned briefly last night by investigators for the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee. Mr. Groves denied any knowledge of the matter and may be questioned further later.

The chairman of the Congressional Committee, Senator Owen Brewster, revealed that his committee investigators already had questioned General Groves, but he refused to say what, if anything, they found out.

Mr. McMahon did say his investigation was proceeding satisfactorily. He had had questioned a great many people, including Mr. Groves. The Committee decided whether to hold full-scale public hearings.

Licences Issued

House investigators will ask General Groves particularly about testimony that he tried unsuccessfully to block shipments of raw uranium, heavy water and uranium metal to Russia.

The State Department has confirmed that export licences were issued for at least four shipments of atomic materials in 1943. The first two involved unpro-



HENRY WALLACE

cessed uranium and were believed to be not too important.

What the un-American Activities Committee really is interested in are two later Russian orders for 25 pounds of uranium metal and two pounds of heavy water.

While insignificant in amount, these materials could have been used for atomic bomb research. Another thing the spy-hunters hope to learn from General Groves is whether "doctored" shipments of uranium may have been sent to Moscow deliberately to deceive the Russians about the atom bomb. The Committee chairman said there had been hints to that effect.

The Russians tried to get secret radar equipment as well

as atomic secrets through the wartime Lend-Lease base at Great Falls, Montana, and one atomic-equipped plane flown by a Russian pilot through George Washington said today.

Mr. Jordan, who told a Congressional Committee yesterday that Russia succeeded in getting shipments of uranium and suitcases of classified documents through the base, said at a press conference that he ripped out equipment out of four Russian-bound transports in the spring of 1943. He said he learned that a fifth plane left Washington piloted by Major-General A.I. Beriev, chief of the Russian purchasing commission in the capital.

This plane also was equipped with radar, Mr. Jordan said, but he did not explain where he obtained that information. He said he first became suspicious when a C-47 transport plane destined to be turned over to the Soviets arrived at Great Falls and he found strange gadgets installed. Mechanics told him it was radar equipment.

In Chicago, three atomic scientists, Harold Urey and T. H. Morgan of University of Chicago and Arthur Jaffe of the Argonne National Atomic Laboratory, reported that shipments of uranium to Russia under Lend-Lease in 1943 would have been of negligible value to the Soviets.

The report said the shipments were common chemicals which Russia could have obtained elsewhere, and they were in too small amounts to have been of much use.—United Press.

PEARL HARBOUR CEREMONY

Pearl Harbor, December 6. Brief ceremonies will be held on Wednesday aboard what remains of the battleship Arizona in memory of those who died in the surprise Japanese attack eight years ago.

Captain E. B. Harp, Pacific Fleet Chaplain, will lead a small group of military and civil officials in prayer. It is considered unwise for a large group to go aboard. The Arizona lies out of the water where it was struck.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN PRESSING AMERICA ON ISSUE OF RECOGNITION

Commonwealth Of Capricorn Proposal

London, December 6. British Ministers met Rhodesian representatives in London today to discuss the deadlock in the scheme to federate Southern and Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland in the "Commonwealth of Capricorn."

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, the Commonwealth Relations Secretary, and Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary, represented Britain, and Mr. T. W. H. Beadle, Minister for Internal Affairs, and Mr. Victor Robinson, Attorney General, represented Southern Rhodesia.

They are examining the constitutional aspects of a possible federation before drafting a plan to submit to the British Government.—Reuter.

BEVIN'S TRIP TO CEYLON

London, December 6.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, who has a bad heart and high blood pressure, will take a doctor with him to Ceylon this month for the conference of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers.

Informal sources said that his personal physician, Sir Alexander MacCall, will go with him because the long-air-sea trip is expected to tax Mr. Bevin's strength. The Foreign Secretary is 68.

Rumours circulated in Whitehall today that he had informed the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, that he would retire from public life when the Labour Government ends its present term. The term will end sometime before next summer with the calling of a general Parliamentary election.

The reports were officially discounted.

Mr. Bevin is expected to leave for Ceylon soon after Christmas. Commonwealth Foreign Ministers meet in Colombo probably on January 6 to 7 to work out a common policy regarding the Japanese peace treaty, expected to be written soon, and also to discuss broad Far Eastern issues. Sir Alexander went with Mr. Bevin to Moscow in 1947 for a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers. He has attended the diplomat on some other trips

London, December 6. The British still are pressing the United States to recognise Communist China coincident with British recognition.

London Government officials contend that such a move would not necessarily indicate that either approves the Red regime.

An informed source said there was some difference of opinion between the two nations on what diplomatic recognition meant.

Britain has decided on recognition of the new Peking government for practical reasons, he said.

She holds that such an act does not mean approval either of the Communist regime or its policies.

"It means simply that the Communists now control China and the British Government feels that it is better to watch what goes on there from the inside than from the outside," declared the source.

This source, in a position to have first-hand knowledge of talks between Washington and London on the Chinese question, said there was considerable "muddled thinking" in the United States on the matter of recognition.

"Too many people have been led to believe that recognition is the same as approval," he said.

India's Call

India has called upon the United States to clarify the American position concerning eventual recognition of Peking.

At the same time, India gave the United States definite information that New Delhi intended to grant recognition to the new Red regime soon.

The Ambassador to the U. S., Mr. P. S. Kishore Pandit, visited the U. S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and told him her brother, Prime Minister Nehru's view that Indian recognition of the Chinese Communists cannot long be delayed because of the realities of the situation.

In turn, she asked Mr. Acheson whether the United States had come to any conclusion on what steps it intended to take.

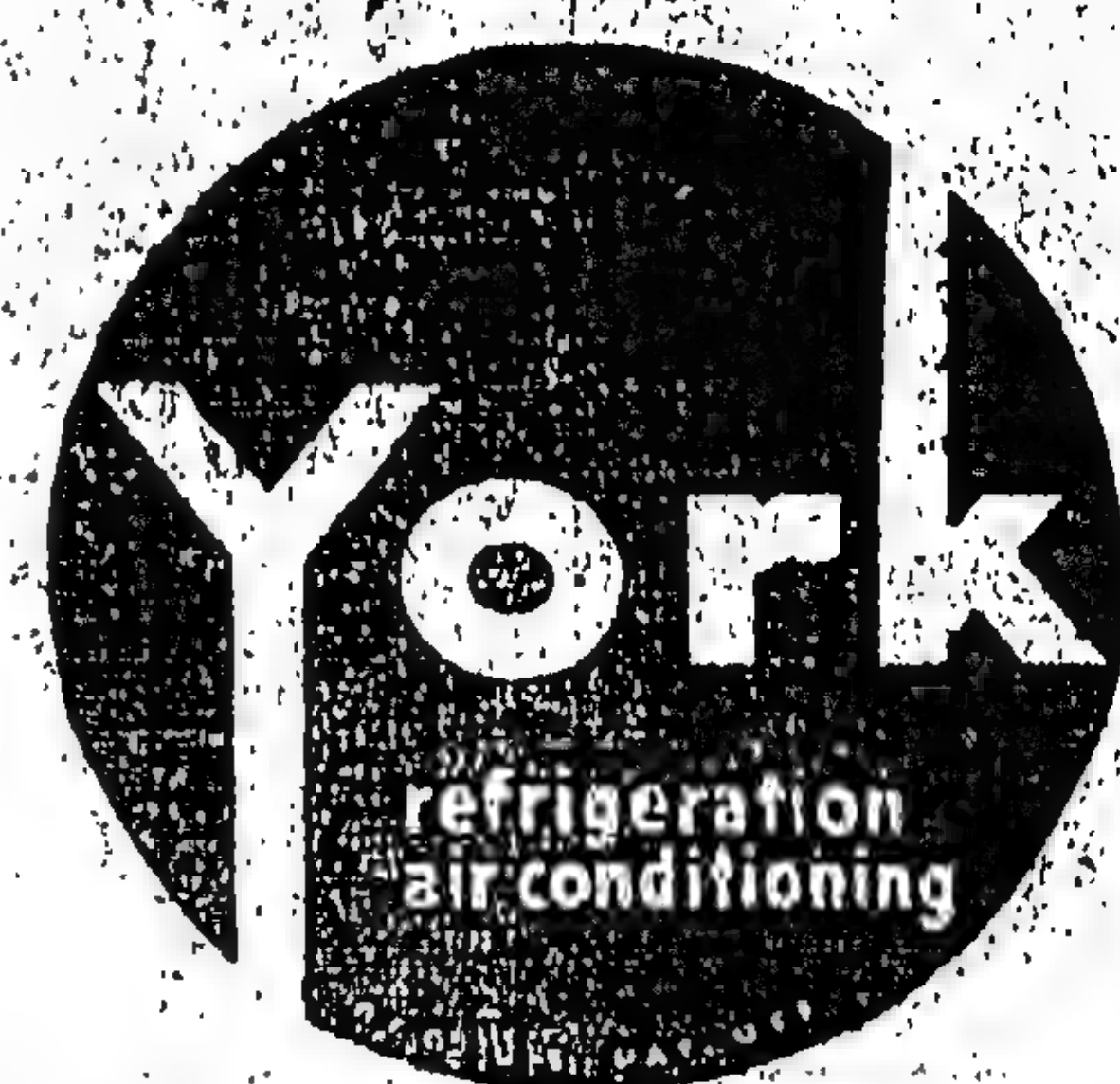
Her statement came as no surprise to Mr. Acheson, who had

abroad, but Mr. Bevin went alone to Washington for international talks last September.

The Foreign Secretary is now resting on the South Coast.

His travel plans are still subject to change but he is expected to fly to Marseilles, take a ship to Egypt, fly over the Persian Gulf to Aden and go on to Ceylon in a British warship.

There is some possibility that he will attend the inauguration ceremonies for the new Indian Republic in New Delhi on January 26. It is known that the Indian Government would like to have him there.—Associated Press.



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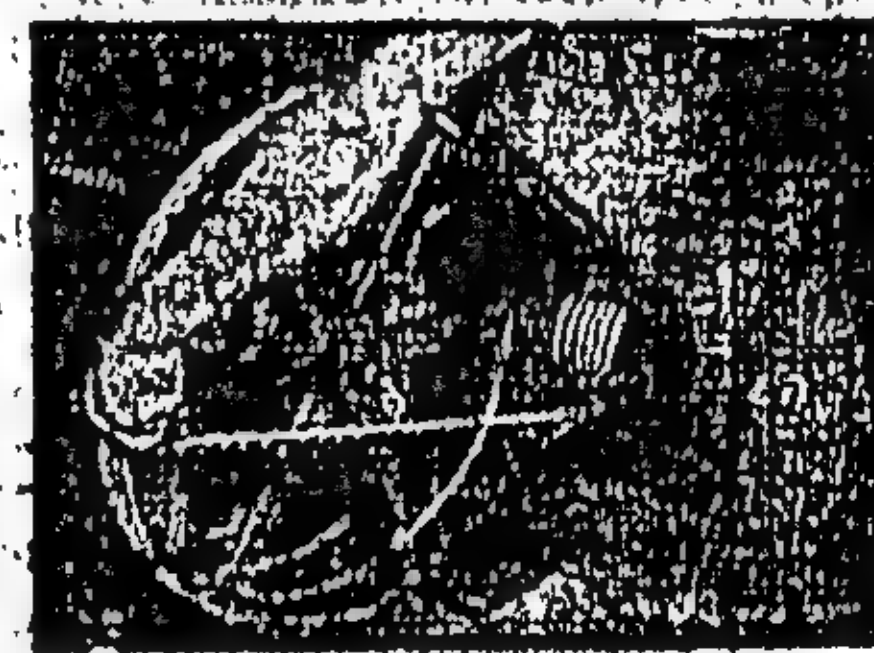
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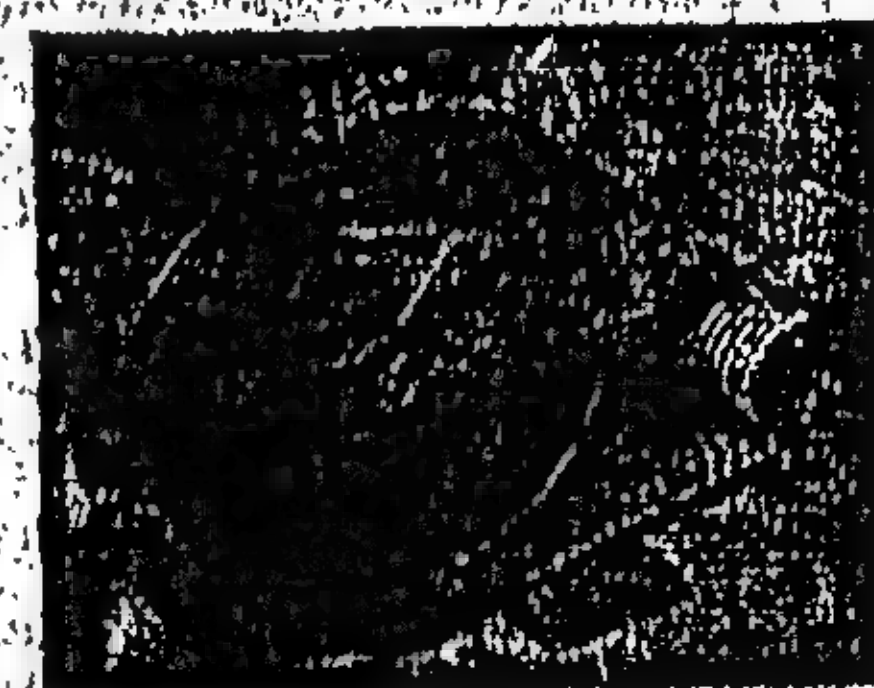
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REFORM CLUB PLATFORM

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Thin End Of Wedge

"The object of this provision in our platform is quite frankly to insert the thin end of the wedge, our final aim being to create a Cabinet system, it is essential that members should start possibly in a relatively small way to gain experience of departmental responsibility, and this we propose to do by giving at least two unofficial members of the Executive Council the responsibility to head two government departments—any department on that Council—This, we hope, will give them the sense of departmental understanding which would otherwise be lacking in the present system of complete division of the Legislature from the Executive.

"The matter before you are of the greatest importance to the citizens of Hong Kong. The platform contains a comprehensive scheme of what the Reform Club will advocate and if in sufficient power, will introduce in the Legislature of this Colony if its members are elected, and once accepted, we must as a Club require the support of every member for the principles of this platform.

"I look forward with hope to the citizens of this Colony approving your platform with their vote and I assure you that for one, without fear or favour, shall work solidly to introduce as a fact what are now merely the proposals of our platform."

A Compromise

Mr. P. C. Woo, who seconded, said the draft platform was a sort of compromise, and took into consideration the claims of the people of Hong Kong as a whole. It advocated the employment of local personnel, wherever possible, in Government Departments and in short to give the Hong Kong boys a break so far they have discharged their duties very well.

"The majority of the people in Hong Kong are Chinese and due regard must be given to their claims to determine what is best in the administration of the Colony, said Mr. Woo, who added that best of this, the Club, in their petition to the Government Council, had asked that the constitutional view of British nationality should be waived in favour of the Chinese who though not British subjects should be regarded as citizens of Hong Kong, have the right to vote.

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If they are given the right to vote in the forthcoming election, I am sure they will realise that in every right given there is a corresponding duty or obligation, and with the realisation that they are Hong Kong citizens they will be equally prompt with other citizens of the Colony to do their best to safeguard the interests of Hong Kong in an emergency," said Mr. Woo.

For Citizens

Speaking in support of the draft platform Mr. T. Addis Martin said a policy such as that advocated by the Club, was obviously for the true citizens of Hong Kong whose home it has been for generations and whose home it will continue to be for generations to come under an enlightened and efficient administration basing its strength on direct representation. "Forty thousand of the best troops have been pitched out of their homes into this Colony, which is a tangible evidence that the democratic way of life is going to be defended by democratic obligations," said Mr. Martin. In the matter of finance Mr. Martin advocated that budget committee meetings should be open to the public and the Press so that the tax-paying community would be better informed. He also suggested that the present method of presenting a budget would be made more understandable at least to the business man.

A supporter of the system of "pay as you earn" Mr. Martin said assuming increase in taxation is inevitable, such untapped sources of revenue as a Colony Lottery—a good revenue raiser in other parts of the Empire—could be considered, also a head tax, though on the latter there has been some rumbling of disapproval.

Our problems of housing, education and medicine have been overshadowed by that of the thousands of unfortunates coming from the neighbouring province, but in these days when we find ourselves unable even to cope adequately with the present number of the Hong Kong citizens proper, we should apply the principle of "first things first" in dealing with these problems, said Mr. Martin.

Government's policy of least resistance in dealing with the housing problem by requisitioning was criticised by Mr. Martin who said placing the burden on the landlord and interfering with the elementary law of supply and demand, had the effect only of retarding natural expansion and enterprise.

Social Services

Absence of a civic and cultural centre was also criticised by Mr. Martin.

On Hong Kong's charitable and social services Mr. Martin advocated greater use of Government grants but always to adequate Government supervision.

On the subject of public services Mr. Martin stood for the minimum of control. Experience elsewhere has shown that Government is not to govern business, he said. It is agreed that one control over profits is desirable and that a reasonable margin should be available to maintain the incentive of economy and efficiency.

For those who are still looking for work from the enemy occupation—the man who was unlucky enough not to have been a pre-war civil servant or through straitened circumstances could not participate in the financial opportunities enjoyed by the few immediately after the war, Mr. Martin said it was the Club's intention to make urgent representations for an equitable share of reparations, starting first with the valuable alien properties still unrealised in the Colony.

On Government spending Mr. Martin advocated buying in the cheapest markets and a review of the present arrangement of buying through Crown Agents when local facilities for prompt delivery were available.

On the employment of local personnel in the civil service Mr. Martin said the local boy of Portuguese extraction who had fought, bled and died in the defence of this Colony, should not be disappointed.

More Hospitals

The next speaker, Dr. R.H.S. Lee, advocated more hospitals and medical facilities were deplorably inadequate to cope with the Colony's increased population, said Dr. Lee who also advocated a system of travelling clinics for the New Territories.

The speaker stressed the importance of social welfare in a community like Hong Kong. Health and happiness of the people was the best guarantee of their loyalty and integrity. Instances were not wanting where families had perished because they have failed to recognise their obligation towards the welfare of their people.

The next speaker, Mr. Ma Man-fai, spoke on housing, education and agricultural reform. Mr. Ma said few people realised how many people in Hong Kong did not have a bed to sleep in. No reform is complete until everyone had a bed to sleep in that he could call his own.

And of the women Mr. Ma said that the women should be given the right to vote and to give the occupants' nature's gift of light and fresh air, we would see no diminution in the incidence of tuberculosis. On the removal of night soil Mr. Ma urged that it should be at least once a day water closet in each house. The present night soil removing system was a disgrace to a modern city like Hong Kong.

Free Education

Mr. Ma's next point on housing was that the present wooden staircases should be replaced by

concrete staircases, so that in case of fire occupants could have at least 10 vital minutes in which to make their escape.

He urged the adoption of the Abercrombie Report, particularly the removal of the dockyard and the barracks in Wan Chai and Nathan Road. Now that the Service have agreed to move out, let there be no excuse for further shelving of the scheme, urged Mr. Ma.

On the subject of education Mr. Ma said he championed a platform calling for free primary education for the children of all Hong Kong residents and those who have been here for the last 10 years. He said if these people had borne the burden of taxation directly or indirectly for 10 years or more, they had earned the right for their children to have free schooling.

"Much brains have been exercised during the last week regarding the lack of sportsmanship and its importance to the community," said Mr. Ma, "but unless the finest tradition of sportsmanship is ingrained into the young, while their formative minds are still impressionable, it is futile to expect them to be taught when they are old enough to play in league games."

On the subject of agriculture in the New Territories Mr. Ma stressed the necessity of giving more encouragement to the farmers. He attacked the marketing control scheme which he said, though conceived with the best of intentions, was actually causing great hardship to the farmers. They had protested against this control for the last four years, but without avail, said Mr. Ma. The present system of administration in the New Territories was never vested in one set of officials, was unjust, and properly accredited spokesmen of villages were often prevented from making representations. It was about time the whole system of administration should be reviewed, urged Mr. Ma.

Civic Rights

The last speaker, Mr. M.A. da Silva, said that though there might be divergent views among members of the Committee they were all agreed on the general outline of the platform.

The main point of Mr. Silva's talk was his advocacy of the formation of a Civic Rights Commission, financed but not controlled by Government. He said:

"If the particular complaint is referred to a single man at some obscure desk in some Government department or is merely aired in a couple of letters addressed capriciously and vainly to a newspaper, nothing is done, but if that particular complaint is brought to Government's attention in an organised manner, attention and remedy can be obtained. Again, on the other hand, many complaints are frivolous and without foundation and should first be investigated before being brought to Government's attention and for both sides of this question, you should therefore have a Civic Rights Commission, which will deal with the matter in an organised and forceful manner."

"For such a Commission, funds are needed and can only properly come from a democratic Government, in such a manner that there is no economic control by Government, over the head or chief and personnel of this Civil Rights Commission."

"These are details to be worked out later, but the particular significance of this item in the platform is that even with a representative Executive Council, vigilance on behalf of the rights of the private citizen and the community should be maintained by an organised and jealously watched Civil Rights Commission."

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New Delhi, December 7.

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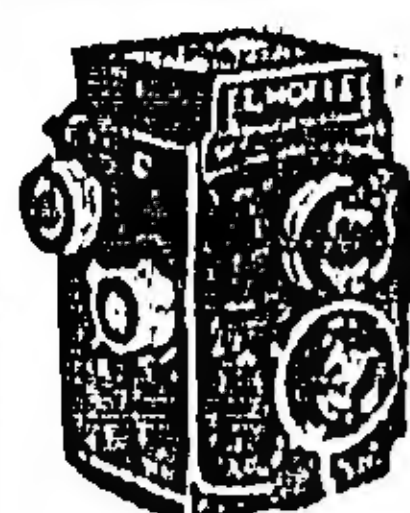
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REFORM CLUB PLATFORM

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Sports Pause



Salisbury Sound To Clash With Merry Madcaps

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Oxford Beat Cambridge In Rugby Match

London, December 8.—Oxford beat Cambridge by three points to nil in the Inter-Varsity Rugby Match at Twickenham Stadium on Saturday.

A scrum in the 11th minute of the game gave Oxford a try, which they converted. The try was scored by a scrum in the 11th minute of the game.

Where Oxford's greatest advantage was in their three-quarter line, which was always the more threatening.

Cambridge was the better team in the first half, but Oxford's scrum was the key to their victory.

The match was a close one, with both teams showing great skill and determination.

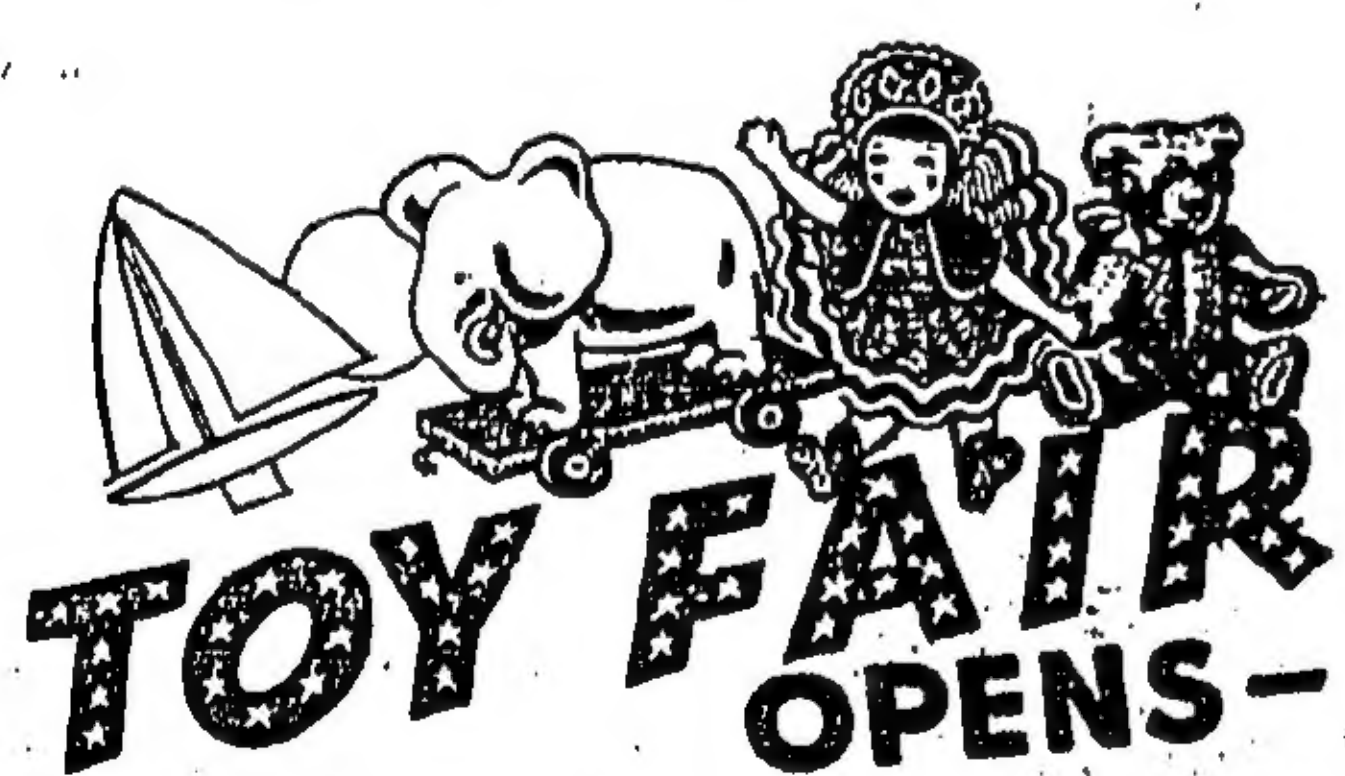
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AUSSIES WIN

Wellington, December 7.—The Australian touring team won their two-day match against the New Zealand team.

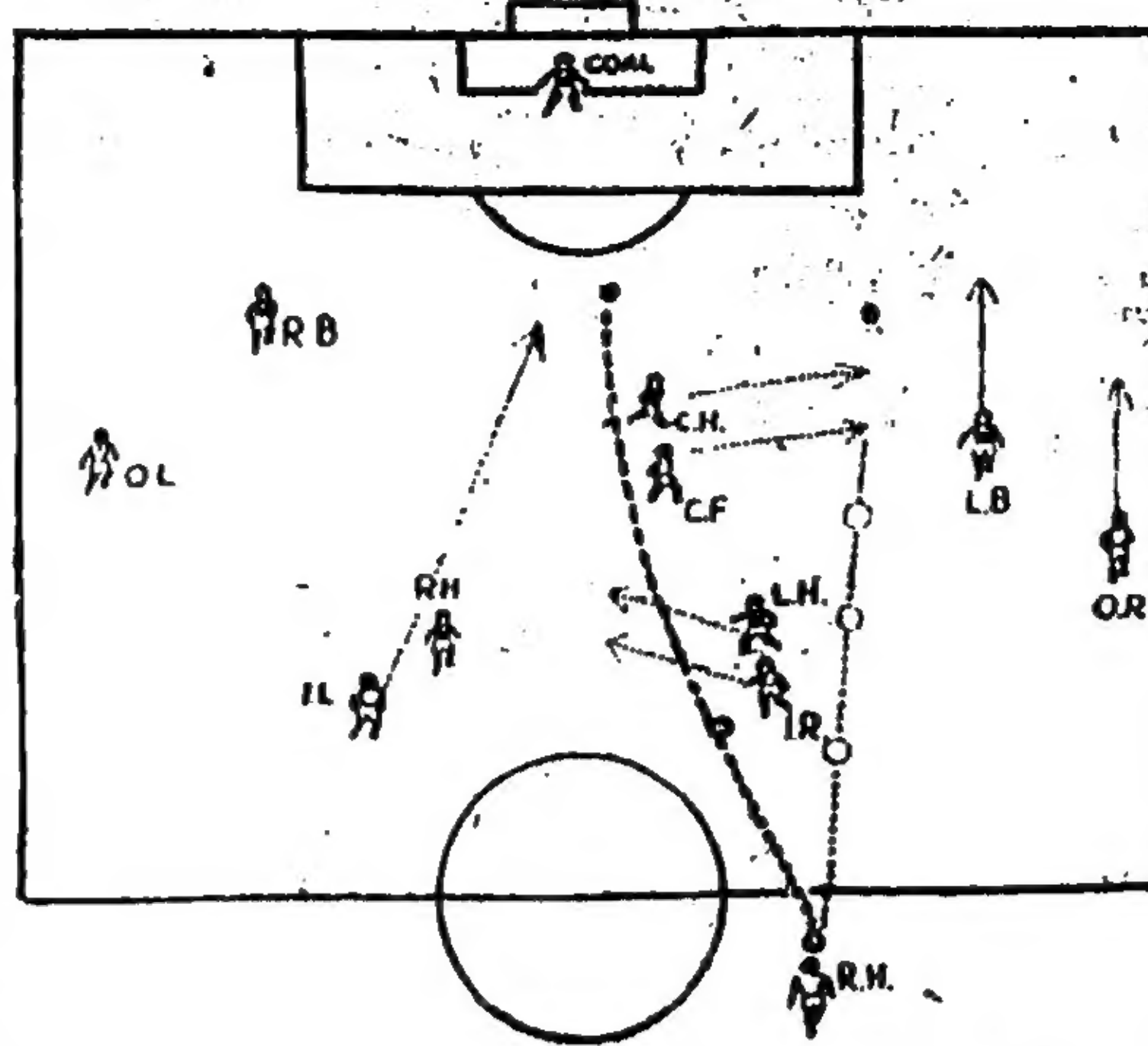
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The Wing-Half Can Create An Opening

(By ARTHUR ROWE, Manager of Tottenham Hotspur)

Simplicity is the keynote of this move, which enables a half-back to open up the game when the obvious passes to his inside forward or winger are ruled out because these players are covered.

The centre-forward moves out square towards the right wing where the wing half has the ball and this should take the opposing centre-half out of the middle of the field thus creating a gap.

The inside-left sprints forward to the empty space and the right-half then drives the ball well up the middle for the inside-left to move on to.

If the move does not work there is an alternative.

Should the opposing centre-half stay at home then the right-half plays the ball to the centre-forward who must, obviously, be unmarked.

Commandos Win Rugby Cup Game

Revealing better teamwork, the Commandos deservedly won their postponed Rugby Cup Tournament encounter with the Police on the Club ground yesterday by 33 points to 0.

The Police XV (they were really only 14 men as Marten failed to show up) lost not through lack of trying, but through lack of understanding.

They fell off badly in the second half and only once did they get within five yards of their opponents' line.

McDermott and Harris were outstanding for the winners with their speed and sure handling of the ball, though McDermott was inclined too often to try and break through on his own.

Harrison for the Commandos scored a brilliant try after catching his own kick ahead.

Wharfe, stand-off half for the Commandos, was in grand form with his kicking and starting the attack line going.

All that could be said of the Police players was that they tried hard. Wall and Reynolds made several fine tackles but they could not cope with the speedy Commandos.

A few minutes after the kick-off the Commandos tried for a penalty goal from the sidelines on the 25-yard line but Wharfe failed, the ball missing the posts by inches.

The Commandos were on the offensive and Wall saved a dangerous situation when he caught a surprise kick ahead by Wharfe almost on the goal line and found touch.

In the 15th minute Wharfe missed a chance to open the scoring when he failed to convert a penalty directly in front of the goal posts.

He made amends in the 22nd minute when he evaded several attackers before passing to Fiebert who scored. Fiebert failed to convert the goal.

Seven minutes later Harris picked up a loose ball in mid-field and passed to Wharfe who avoided a tackle by Wall and scored. Fiebert converted to make it 1-0.

A short time later Harrison lost a fine chance to score when he dropped a pass from McDermott less than 10 yards from the Police goal line.

Then in the 25th minute Harris obtained the ball from a scrum and passed to Harris. He dodged through half, the Police were split, and scored between the posts. However, Fiebert failed to make the conversion.

The Commandos forwards used their feet to advantage and then Smith picked the ball up on the run and scored near the sideline.

"The kick failed."

At half-time the score was 14 points to nil.

Second Half
The rest period did not seem to do the Police any good as they were pinned on the defensive from the kick-off.

Catching the kick-off by the Police, Harris started a fine passing movement, between Fiebert, Herbert and McDermott, but the latter was tackled by Wall just before he went over.

From the ball to Harris, he kicked along the sideline and Harrison raced up to catch the ball to score. The kick again failed.

Midway through the second half McDermott took a pass and went through the Police's defence. He was tackled but fell across the goal line for another try, which was converted by Fiebert, making the score 28-0.

Soon afterwards McDermott was almost through when tackled by Wall. A penalty was awarded against the Police and Fiebert scored. The Police players were valiantly trying and in the closing minutes McDermott broke through on his pass from Harris to score another try.

Then a minute from time Harrison picked up the ball near the side line in mid-field, kicked ahead and out-redded the opposing backs to score.

The winners then went for full time with the Commandos winning 33-0.

Teams: Commandos: Fiebert, Harrison, Claxton, McDermott, Fiebert, Harris, Wharfe, Smith, Wall, Reynolds, Tibbitt, Brown, Shaw, Smith, Jones, Armstrong, Turner, Harris, Grace, Day, Row, Shouler, Gooding, (Marten failed to play).

The Rugby game between Club and the Police was played on the Club ground yesterday and the Police won 33-0.

Mrs. M. Gairdner Wins L.G.U. Monthly Medal

The L.G.U. Monthly Medal for December was won by Mrs. M. Gairdner with a net of 60.

Over the Xmas holidays, December 24, 25 and 26, a competition will be held on the New Course. Only one card may be taken by any player. Players will arrange their own partners and times.

Beginning December 10, a running "Bogey" competition will be held until February 15. A limit of 10 cards to each player. A charge of 20 cents per card will be made.

On Saturday, December 10, the ladies have arranged the Army Officers to a match on the New Course. The following draw has been made:

Maj. Gen. G. C. Evans v Mrs. F. D. Hunter.
Brig. E. A. Coad v Mrs. W. E. Gairdner.

Col. J. S. Macfarlane v Mrs. R. C. Coombe.
Lt. Col. A. S. Shaw-Bell v Mrs. W. L. Latimer.

Lt. Col. G. L. Neilson v Mrs. D. S. Robb.
Maj. J. B. Biddlecombe v Mrs. Y. Williams.

Maj. I. W. Daryshire v Mrs. G. Whitkinson.
Capt. E. H. L. Fisher v Mrs. A. Flory.

Maj. J. E. G. Hale v Mrs. G. Strickland.
Maj. D. H. Honston v Mrs. M. C. Mackie.

Maj. J. A. J. Pellingham v Mrs. D. L. Prophet.
Capt. D. S. Ross v Mrs. D. Selby.

Capt. P. R. Smyth v Mrs. J. Pote-Hunt.
Capt. D. B. Rendell v Mrs. J. D. Clague.

2/Lt. D. D. Belfour v Mrs. A. Hale.
Lt. J. T. Boyes v Mrs. N. A. Brown.

Starting times will be arranged upon arrival and all ladies are requested to be at the course not later than 12.00 p.m. Any member holding a transportation pass contact Mrs. R. E. Coombe (Tel. 29100).

BADMINTON

Kowloon Tennis Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, the Hong Kong Division Badminton League (Section One) at the Club House, Happy Valley, on Sunday, December 10, 1949.

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Cup Games Add To Home Soccer Interest This Week-End

(By "ALBION")

Apparently 'form' took a week-end off in the majority of last Saturday's games; even Birmingham decided to confound the critics by beating Charlton!

With it all, the leaders of the Second the Southern and Northern Divisions all recorded wins and Liverpool, heading the Premier Division, just made the grade against Pompey.

This coming Saturday, there is a sprinkling of Cup games to add to Home Soccer interest with the winners of this round going into the bag with the 'big noises' for January 7.

There were few surprises in the last round there now being only eight non-league teams left to participate in Saturday's games.

The match which provides most interest on this occasion is the Doncaster Rovers-Mansfield Town game on the former's ground.

Whether Doncaster will prefer to go for league honours and leave the glory of the Cup to their rivals remains to be seen.

On form it should be Doncaster's game, but with Cup matches you can never tell.

Notts County should have an easy passage in their game with Rotherham and Notts should progress against Stockport County.

It should be a close game at Northampton, where Torquay United are the visitors.

Torquay have been very consistent in their league games as they have won seven and an away win would not be an impossibility here.

There will be a dour struggle for supremacy when Yeovil Town and Gillingham meet. Both teams did extremely well in last year's competition and a keen game can be expected on Saturday.

Yeovil got my vote by virtue of ground advantage.

Now we turn to the league games in Division I.

The Portsmouth-Arsenal fixture looks the most intriguing. Pompey did well to take a point from the leaders last Saturday and will be out to impress their supporters against the Gunners on Saturday.

Portsmouth's form this year, would hardly suggest such a goal rush on this occasion; a home win, however, is predicted.

The leaders go to Leeds Road this time as Leeds should be an easy thing for Liverpool.

Huddersfield have dropped back into their last season's mood displays of late and against the might of Division I cannot be expected to stage a revival.

Manchester United pay a visit to Craven Cottage this week as guests to Fulham. This is the first occasion they have met in a league match in 11 years.

Although Fulham seem to be holding their own fairly well in this Division I think the United will prove too much for them and an away win should be a fairly safe bet.

A Useful Win
Have Birmingham found the perfect combination at last? They had quite a useful win at the expense of Charlton on Saturday, and will no doubt be out to lower the colours of their neighbours, Aston Villa, in their forthcoming duel. Only the very optimistic could hope for them to continue in this vein. To me it looks a pretty safe home bet.

Tottenham Hotspur appear to go on from strength to strength in the second Division; they now have a comfortable eight point lead over their nearest rivals and another two points in the bag from their game with Swansea on Saturday.

The following will represent the Club in a Senior Shield soccer game against C.A.A. on the Navy Ground on Saturday at 3.45 p.m.: Brown; Roberts; Barber; Mullin; Riley; Strang; Barclay; Widger; Hardwick; Main; Blackford. Players to meet at the Club at 3.15 p.m.

In the Junior Shield soccer game against Eastern at Navy Ground on Saturday at 2 p.m., the following will represent the Club team: Mackenzie; Lock; Sloan; Urquhart; Locke; Partridge; Stewart; Gledhill; Boyer; Baker; Barker. Players to meet at the Club at 1.30 p.m.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the above may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House, 1st floor at noon on Saturday, 10th December, 1949.

Please enclose entry form in the green envelope provided.

By Order, S. A. SLEAP, Secretary

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KCC CRICKET TEAMS

The following are the Kowloon Cricket Club cricket teams for Saturday, December 10:

1st XI (League) against "Optimists" at KCC, commencing 1.45 p.m.

R. E. Lee, W. H. Colledge, W. M. Davidson, F. R. Kernan, J. Lericou, C. P. Smith, A. Zimmerman, F. H. Zimmerman, A. T. Lee, E. C. Fincher and N. Hart-Baker.

2nd XI (Friendly) against Hong Kong University at Pokfulam, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

D. G. White (Captain), J. Chubb, F. A. Broadbridge, E. A. Lee, W. H. Cowie, E. Guest, R. G. Labrum, E. Randall, V. C. Seymour, G. R. Rosset and R. N. Manley.

Reserve, A. J. Wood.

RAF CRICKET TEAMS

The following will represent the RAF 1st XI against Army in a League cricket match at Kai Tak on Saturday, December 10:

S/Ldr. Gall (Capt), F/O. Gambrill, W/Cdr. Panton, F/Lt. Ball, F/Lt. Vaughan, AC. Tyrer, Sgt. Dunn, A/C. W. E. Carr, Sgt. Moorhouse, Sgt. Roddy.

The following will represent the Royal Air Force 2nd XI against the Commandos in a League cricket match at Sookmoo on Saturday, December 10:

Sgt. Parks, W/O. Scott, F/O. Taylor, F/Sgt. Blackburn, LAC. Hurst, Cpl. Hurst, F/Sgt. Crellin, Sgt. Davenport, F/Sgt. Rosterson, Cpl. Thompson, Cpl. Barnes.

KCC AMERICAN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Members are reminded that the entries for the American Tennis Tournament, to be held on Sunday, December 11, commencing at 10.30 a.m. close at the Club House today at 7 p.m.

Partners will be drawn for, so intending competitors do not have to enter with partners.

As the date, nearly 50 players have entered for the Tournament and given fair weather, some keen and interesting tennis should be seen.

A Tea Dance will be held after the Tournament and this will commence at 8 p.m. During this dance Dr. H. Ozorio and Mr. M. Sillas will supply some of the music on the piano.

Prizes for the Tennis Handicap Tournament and the Club Championships for 1949 will be presented during the interval.

VICTORIAN TENNIS SEMI-FINALISTS

Sydney, December 6. John Brown, Bill Sidwell, Frank Sedgman and Jaroslav Drobný, today entered the semi-finals of the Victorian Tennis semi-finals.

Sidwell beat Colin Long 1-0, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.

Drobný beat Adrian Quist 6-2, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2. Sedgman beat George Worthington 6-2, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2. Associated Press.

KITC ELECTION

At a meeting held last Sunday at the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club at King's Park, Mr. D. G. Walling was elected as a new committee member and a vice-secretary for hockey.

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club will entertain three rinks from the USRC on Saturday.

The home team will be selected from members who are present at 1.30 p.m. There will be a pick-up game for those not selected.